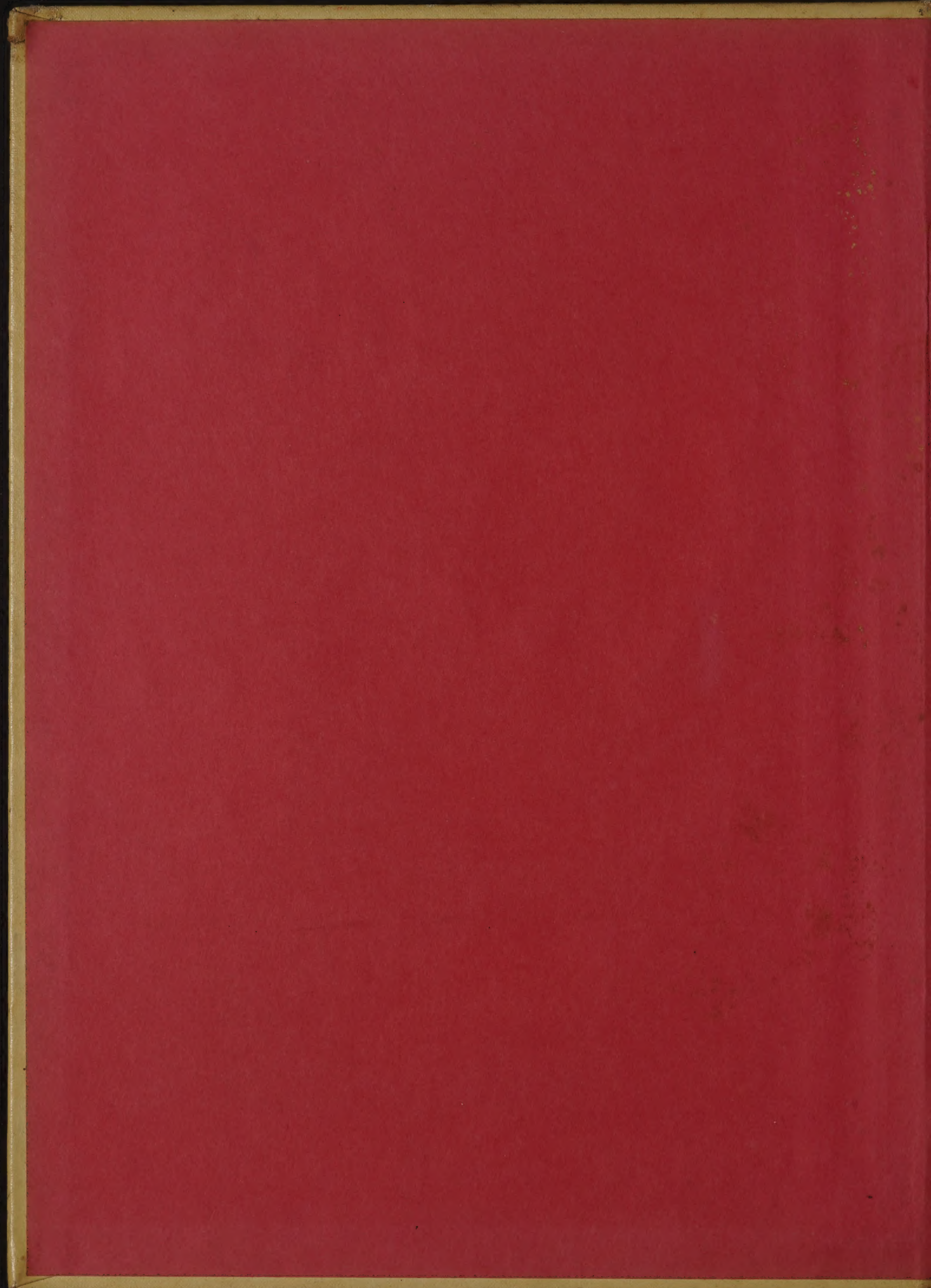


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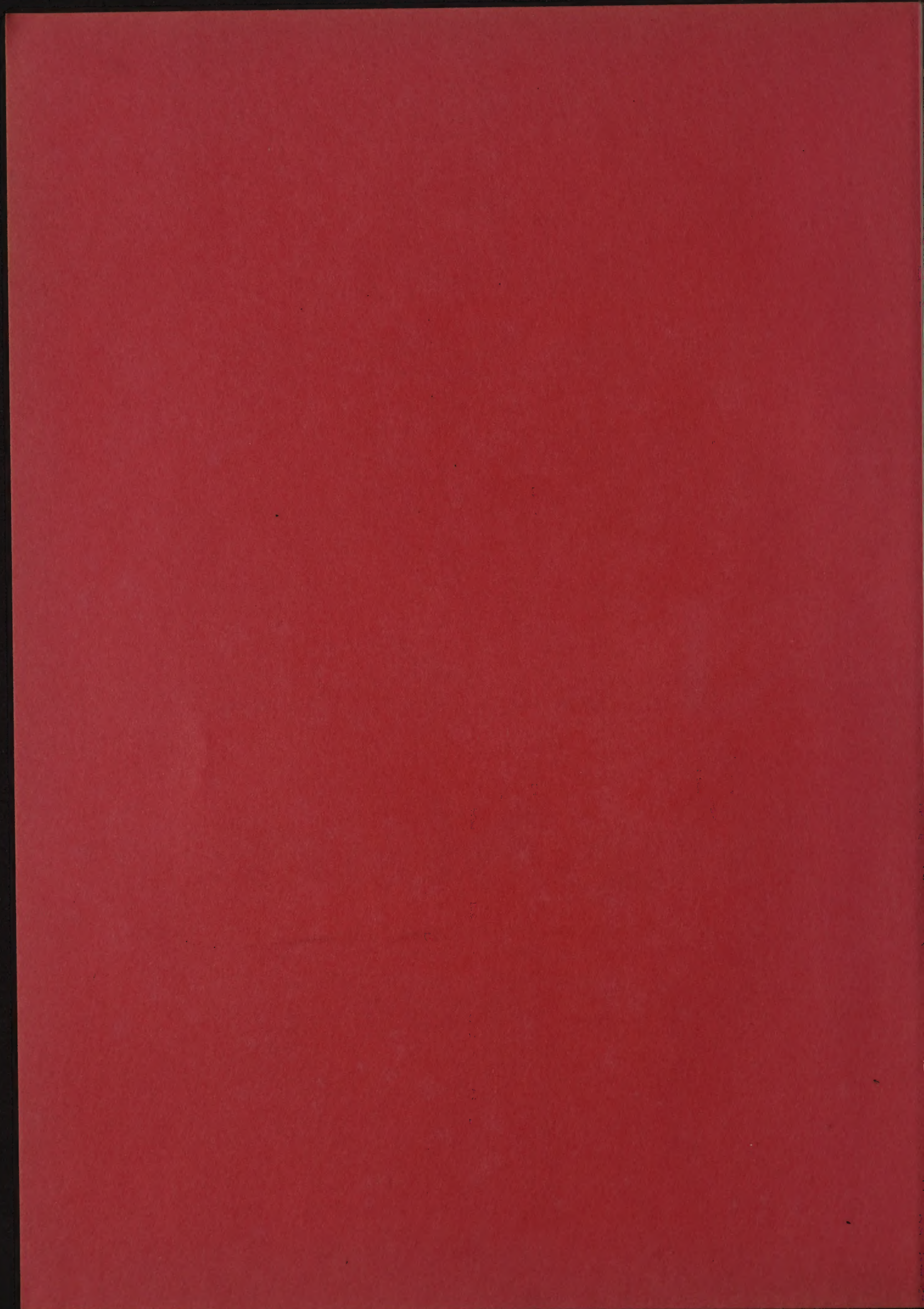




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N.D.A.







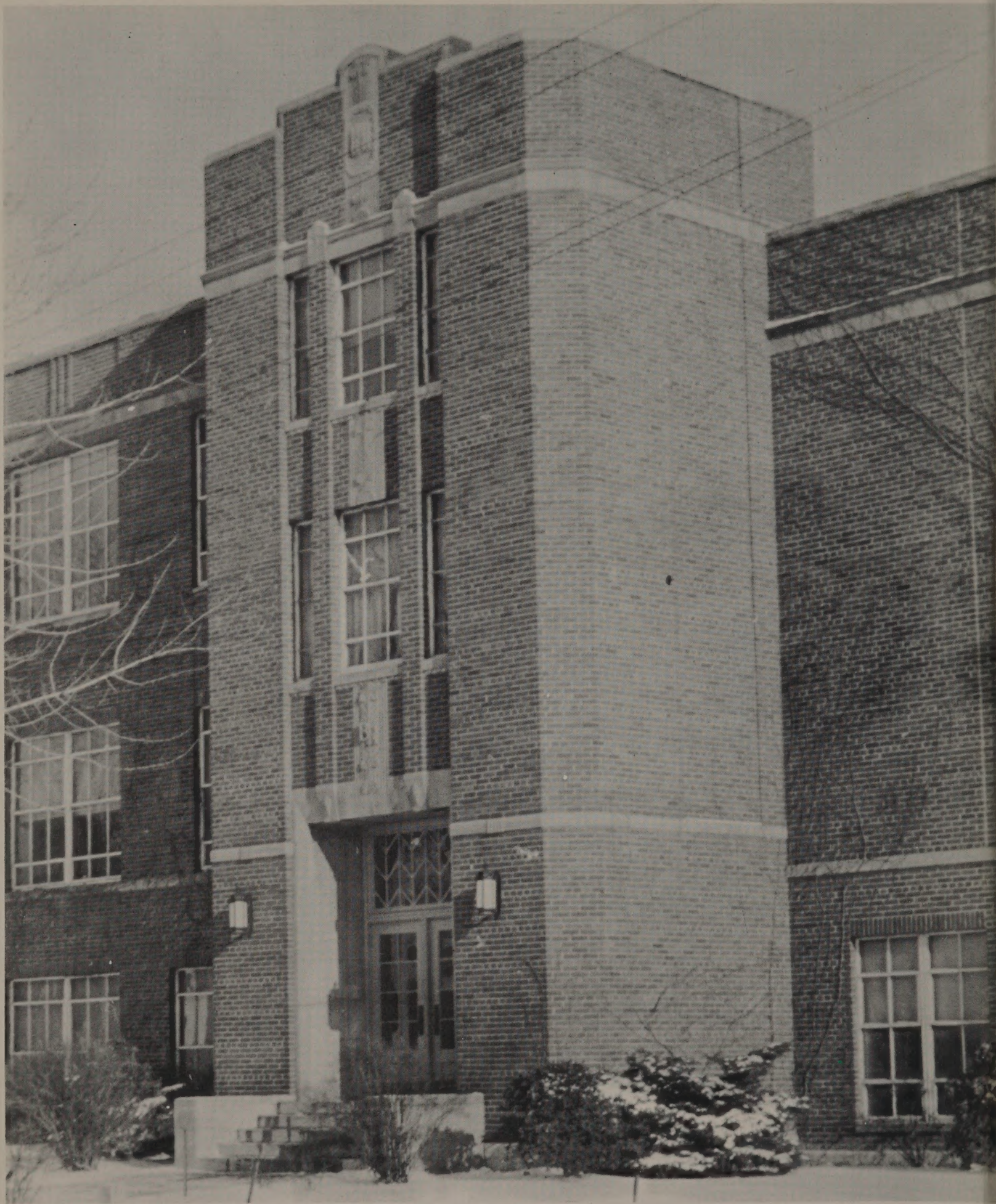
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*Proudly Presents*

*The*  
**Big Show**







*Main Entrance*





## *In Memoriam*



**Robert Neal Derringer**

**Born—April 10, 1938**

**Died—January 25, 1953**

Robert, known as Bobby by his many friends, had a captivating personality and a Christian character. His interests were many. He was outstanding in religious, scholastic, musical, and athletic activities and was a member of the Future Farmers of America.



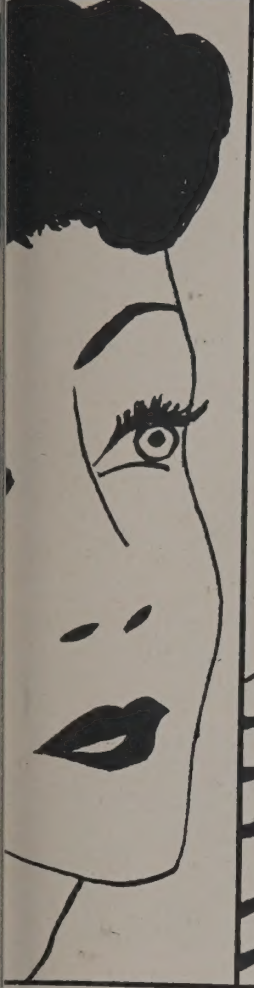


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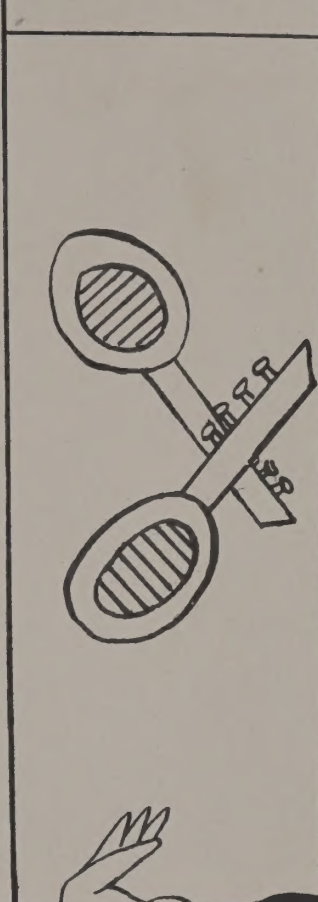
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ALABAMA  
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The  
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Wonder



*Administration*



Tickets  
25¢



## Board Of Education



Vernon Oppermann, Vice President; Maurice Bell; Harvey Burkholder; Paul Stauffer, President; Aaron Murray, Superintendent; Boyd Travis; Mary Gratz, Clerk.



Sue Risser, Assistant



Mary Gratz, Secretary

### SECRETARY AND STUDENT ASSISTANT



# Superintendent

## AARON B. MURRAY

A.B., Bluffton College

M.A., Ohio State

Advisor, Student Patrol

We expect America to continue as a leader among the nations of the world. To occupy this place of leadership, we must continue to educate our youth so that education is beneficial to them, and so that their education will benefit others.

We should develop the art of using all our resources advantageously. We seek the cooperative deliberation of the teachers, parents, and the community. The curriculum is adapted to the changing needs of the student.

And so, all the experiences we provide in school and the experiences in life outside the classroom contribute to the increase of useful knowledge in the hands of every person.

Although the classroom is the heart of the curriculum, we should not forget any other useful means of education, but give it recognition in our lives.

It is the duty of a teacher to present a challenge to the thinking of each boy and girl and for each to cooperate with everyone in the school so that the best might be accomplished by all.



CIRCUS RINGMASTER



FEATURE ANNOUNCER

# Principal

## GERHARD G. BUHLER

A.B., Bluffton College

M.A., University of Cincinnati

General science, physics

Advisor, Hi-Y; Advisor, Student

Senate; Advisor, Honor Society

What does it mean to be an American? Does it mean attending school where we have everything given to us, books, a warm school room with excellent equipment in science, agriculture, a good library, maps, well-lighted rooms, transportation, and above all the right to think for ourselves without fear? What does it mean to own a home, a place of business or a farm, without fear that it will be taken away even if we have earned and paid for such security?

The American way is unique, and cannot be compared with life in any other country or part of the world. The sky is the limit in the opportunities it offers, and the possibilities of what one may become.

A pathetic picture is often portrayed by a vast number of Americans who misuse their liberties, coasting on the sacrifices of those who have gone before them. Certainly many need a "shot in the arm" to wake them up and cause them to realize that we must offer only our best if America is to survive.

This is no time to dream and drift, there is work to do and loads to lift, if we wish to give those who follow us the same freedoms we have enjoyed.







*Ocie Anderson*

Greene County, Pennsylvania  
B.S., Waynesburg College  
B.S. in L.S., Western  
Reserve University  
Librarian  
Library Instruction



*Lorain A. Basinger*

Pandora, Ohio  
B.S., Ohio State University  
Agriculture-Farm Shop  
F.F.A. Advisor  
Eighth Grade Advisor  
Adult Education Classes



*Margaret Diller*

Bluffton, Ohio  
B.S., Bluffton College  
Home Economics  
F.H.A. Advisor  
Adult Education Classes



## *Faculty*

TRAINING PERFORMERS DAILY . . . . .



*Florence R. Duffield*

Van Buren, Ohio  
B.S., Bowling Green University  
Commercial  
Cutlass Advisor  
Assistant Advisor of Buccaneer  
Assistant Advisor of Freshman Class

*Wilford O. Geiger*

Bluffton, Ohio  
B.A., Bluffton College  
M.A., Ohio State University  
Science  
Assistant Advisor of Buccaneer  
Senior Class Advisor

*Joe L. Harris*

Rushsylvania, Ohio  
B.S., Miami University  
Mathematics  
Basketball Coach  
Assistant Coach, Football and Baseball  
Junior Class Advisor







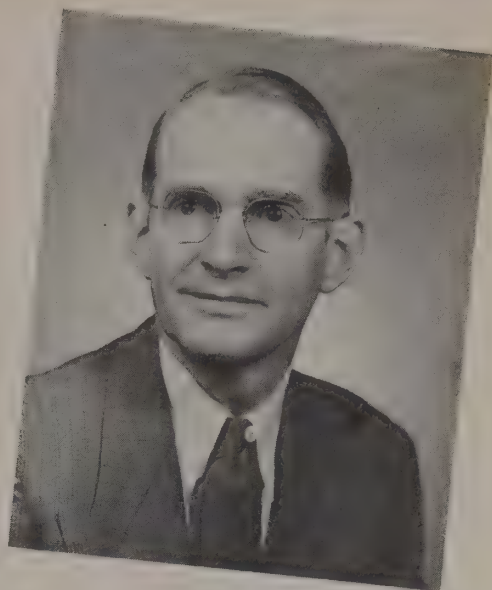
*Wilbur A. Howe*

Hamilton, Ohio  
A.B., Bluffton College  
M.A., Ohio State University  
Social Science-English  
Sophomore Advisor



*Mildred R. Keel*

Pandora, Ohio  
B.S., Ohio State University  
M.A., Ohio State University  
English-Latin  
Tri-Hi-Y Advisor  
Seventh Grade Advisor



*Dean F. Kittle*

Cairo, Ohio  
B.S., Ohio University  
M.S., Iowa State College  
Mechanical Drawing  
Industrial Arts  
Buccaneer Advisor



# *Faculty*

..... FOR OUR EIGHT RING SHOW.



*Earl W. Lehman*

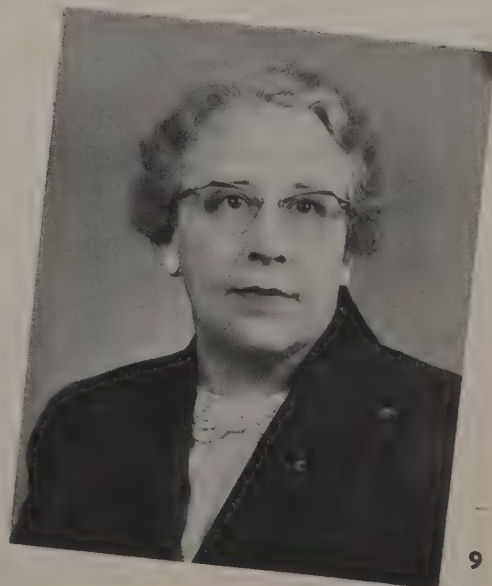
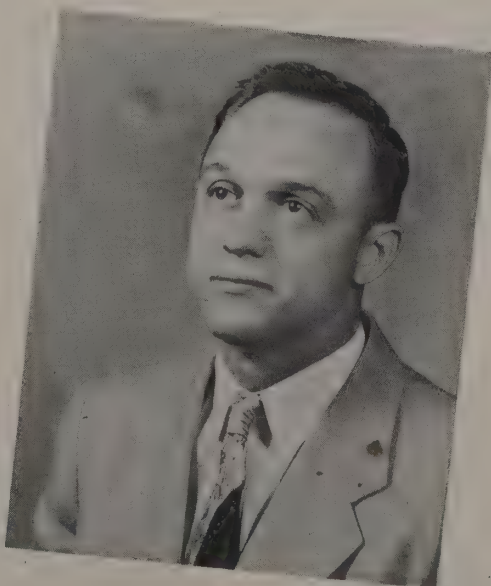
Pandora, Ohio  
B.S., Bluffton College  
Vocal and Instrumental Music  
Director of Senior Play  
Assistant Advisor of Hi-Y  
Assistant Advisor of Seventh Grade

*Pete Schmidt*

Bluffton, Ohio  
B.S., Bowling Green University  
Physical Education-Health  
Varsity-B Advisor  
Coach of Varsity Football  
Assistant Coach, Basketball  
Coach, Baseball

*Theresa F. Slusser*

Bluffton, Ohio  
A.B., Bluffton College  
M.A., Bowling Green University  
Social Sciences  
Freshman Advisor

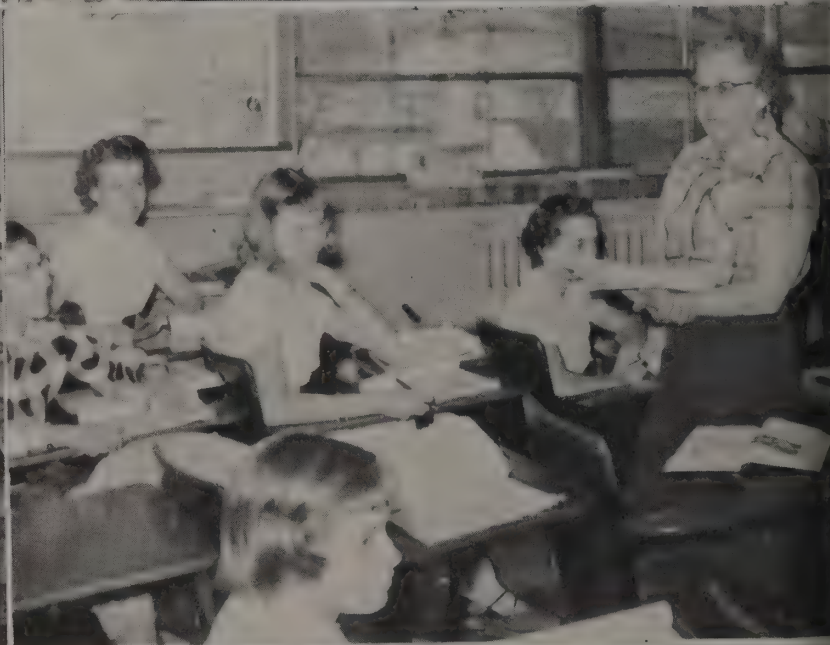




# *Our Trainers at...*

- Industrial Arts
- Music
- Agriculture

- Mathematics
- History
- English





## *...their daily tasks*

- Future Homemakers
- Physics
- Physical Education

- Commercial
- Chemistry
- Latin



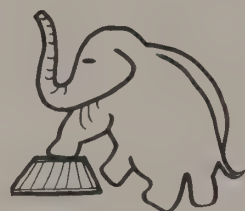




# Maintenance

## Assistant Librarian

Sara Badertscher  
"Here's a nice book on circus animals."



## Cafeteria Management

Hazel Eversole, Marie Stonehill  
Preparing for the noon-time rush.



## Bus Drivers

Oscar Zimmerman, Herbert Reichenbach, Aaron Messenger, Joe Thompson, Francis Basinger.  
"To transport students is our duty . . ."



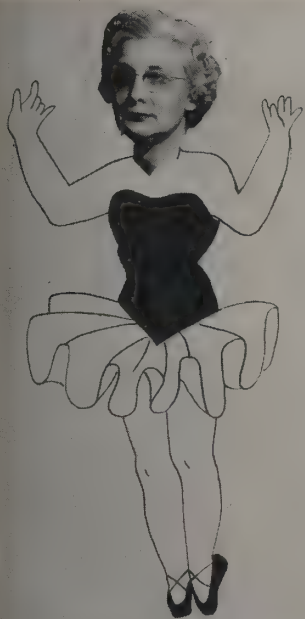
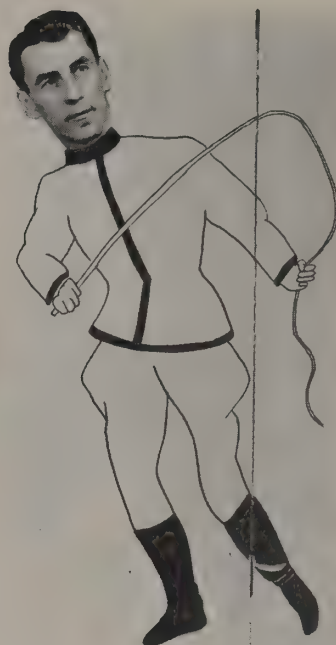
## Janitors

Wade Bechtel, Millard Herr  
Time out for a refreshing pause.





# Circus Follies









*Seniors*  
*Juniors*  
*Sophomores*  
*Freshmen*  
*Eighth Grade*  
*Seventh Grade*

**BEWARE**

*Dangerous*  
*Animals*



*Classes*



## Seniors

**Class Motto**—Less Than Our Best Is Failure.

**Class Colors**—Silver and Rose.

**Class Flower**—Yellow Rose.

### ACT I—Scene: "Getting caught in some sort of mischief."

It was in the fall of 1949 that the present graduating class started its high school days at B. H. S. We were mere freshmen but we certainly felt big and were an ambitious crew even though we were always in the wrong place or getting caught in some sort of mischief. There were only thirty-nine of us but we were determined to make our years in B. H. S. a success. We took part in many activities such as glee clubs, band, orchestra, G.A.A., Varsity "B", boy scouts, F.H.A. and F.F.A.

### ACT II—Scene: "Sort of urged them on."

Then we found ourselves sophomores and by this time we thought we knew everything that was to be learned, in fact, we believed the teachers to be slightly inferior to us but alas! we soon found ourselves to be wrong. And it was so much fun to sit back and watch the freshmen making mistakes and of course we sort of urged them on in a few cases. We also had a few more activities such as Hi-Y and Y-Teens. The main highlight of the year was the receiving of our treasured class rings.

### ACT III—Scene: "Making plans and enjoying every minute of it."

We returned the next year proud and determined juniors and we were so busy making plans and enjoying every minute of it. Some of the boys earned letters in sports. Two members were elected to the national honor society. We presented our class play "Junior Miss" in December, and in May were hosts to the seniors and faculty at the junior-senior prom.

### ACT IV—Scene: "A more dignified aggregation was never seen."

Finally with only thirty-four of the original thirty-nine left, we came to the high rank of seniors and a more dignified aggregation was never seen in the school. Among our fund raising projects were bake sales, paper drives, selling Christmas cards, a variety show, and concessions at games.

On Sunday May 10 we left on the senior trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City and returned on Friday. Baccalaureate was held on May 17 and commencement was held on May 21.

We, the class of '53, wish to thank the faculty for the time and effort they have given us and especially express our gratitude to Mr. Geiger for guiding us through the most wonderful high school year.



**CHARLES BUCHER**  
"Chuck"

Hi-Y 2,3,4; Student Senate 4; Cutlass 3,4; Buccaneer 4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Manager 1,2,3; Class President 4; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 1,3; Orchestra 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Operetta Cast 3; District Boys' Ensemble 1,2,3.

**MARY LEWIS**  
Mary

Tri-Hi-Y 4; Y-Teens 2; F.F.A. Chapter Sweetheart 3; Buccaneer 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Class Treasurer 3; Class Vice President 4; Glee Club 1,4; Mixed Chorus 4.

**SHARON FRITCHIE**  
"Fitz"

Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Y-Teens 2; Cutlass 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Class Secretary 4; Buckeye Girls' State 3; Glee Club 1,4; Mixed Chorus 4.

**RICHARD BUCHER**  
"Rich"

Hi-Y 2,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3 Reporter, 4 Vice President; Ohio State F.F.A. Band 3; National F.F.A. Convention 2,3; Cutlass 3,4; Buccaneer 4; Varsity B 1,3,4; Basketball 1,3,4; Class Play 3; Class Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 1,3; Operetta 3; Trumpet Trio 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4 President; Orchestra 3,4; District Boys' Ensemble 1,3.



**DEAN AMSTUTZ**  
"Rabbit"

Hi-Y 3,4; Varsity B 3,4; Football Manager 3; Class Play 3.

**CAROL CARMACK**  
"Carmack"

Tri-Hi-Y 3 Treasurer, 4; Y-Teens 2; Student Senate 4; Cutlass 4; Buccaneer 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4 President; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3.

**ELISE CHAMBERLAIN**  
Elise

Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Y-Teens 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3 Vice President, 4 Treasurer; Cutlass 1,2,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Class Vice President 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 3.

**DAVID E. BEERY**  
"Dave"

Hi-Y 2,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4 President; Member National F.F.A. Chorus 4; Student Senate 1,4 President; Cutlass 1,2; Buccaneer 4 Business Manager; Student Patrol 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4 President; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 1,3; Operetta Cast 3; Class Play 3; District Boys' Ensemble 1,3.

**RICHARD BENROTH**  
"Dick"

Football Manager 2.

**COLLEEN CUMMINS**  
Colleen

Tri-Hi-Y 3,4 Treasurer; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Cutlass 4; Buccaneer 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 3.

**SHIRLEY DERRINGER**  
Shirley

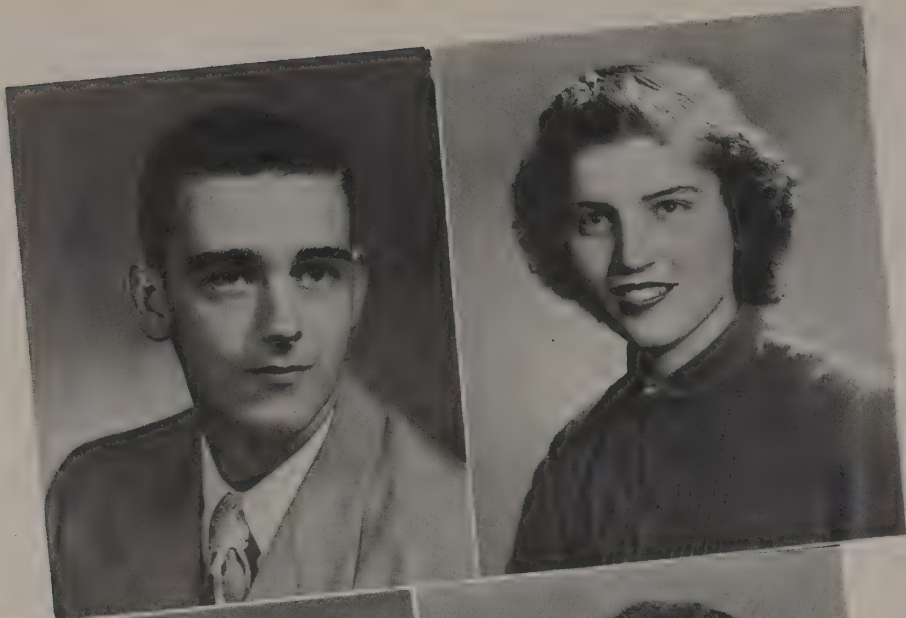
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**TOM BUCHER**  
"George"

Hi-Y 2,3,4 Chaplain; Student Senate 4; Cutlass 3,4; Buccaneer 4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4 Vice President; Football 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4 President; Boys' Ensemble 1,3; Operetta 3; Band 1,2,3,4; District Boys' Ensemble 1,3.





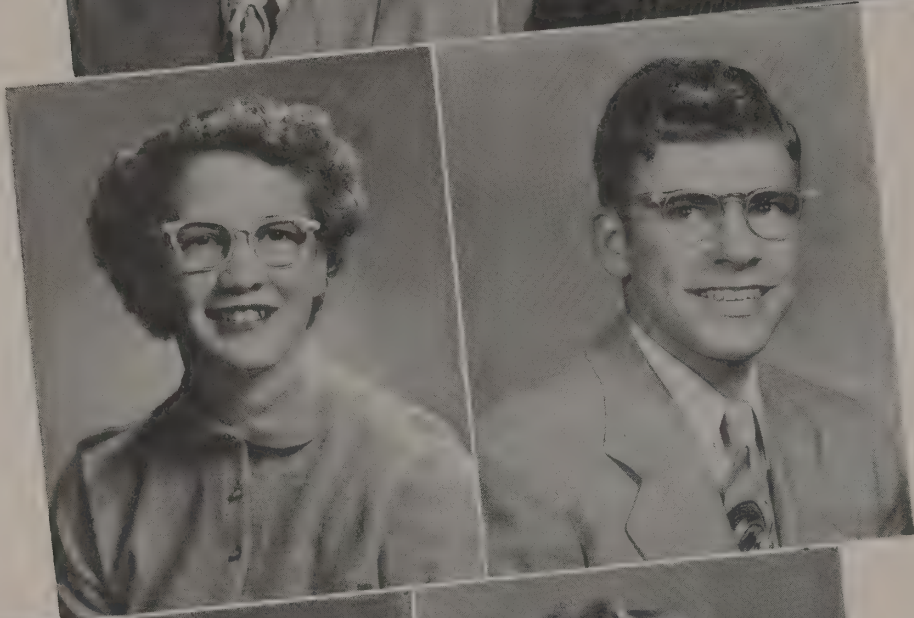


**DAVID BURKHOLDER**  
"Bucket"

Cutlass 4; Buccaneer 4; Varsity B 2,3,4; Football 2,3;  
Basketball 1,2,3; Basketball Manager 4.

**JANICE DILLER**  
Janice

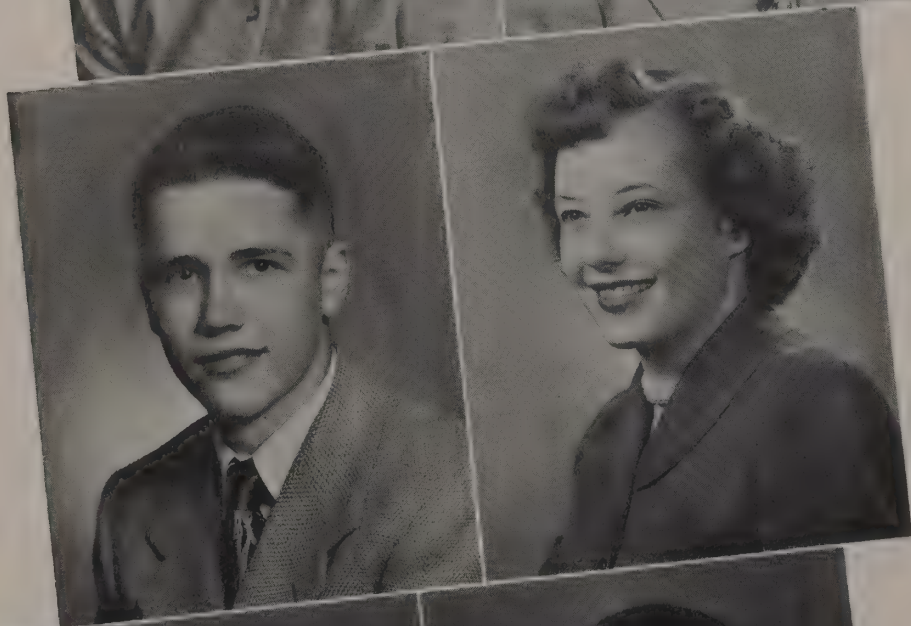
Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club  
1,2,3.



**DOLORES HAUENSTEIN**  
Dolores

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Secretary; Cutlass 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4;  
Glee Club 1,2,3.

**ARLEY CRIBLEZ**  
Arley  
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

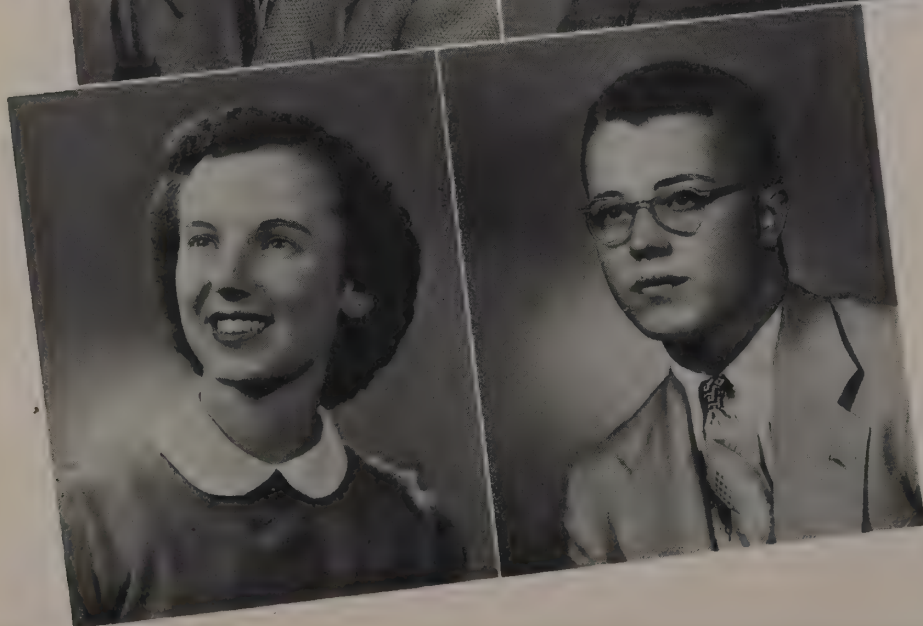


**DAVID GERBER**  
"Dave"

Hi-Y 2,3,4 President; Student Senate 3,4; Cutlass 3,4;  
Student Patrol 4 Captain; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Football  
3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Class Play 3;  
Class President 3; Band 1,2,3,4.

**JANICE HENRY**  
"Henny"

Tri-Hi-Y 3,4 President; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; State Home-  
maker 3; Student Senate 4 Vice President; Cutlass  
3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Queen 4; Glee  
Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 4.



**CAROL KIMMET**  
"Kim"

Spencerville

G.A.A. 1,2,3; Class Play 3; Student Council 2; Journal  
News Staff 3; Dramatics Club 2; Librarian 2; Eistedd-  
fod 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3.

Bluffton

Tri-Hi-Y 4; Associate Ed. of Cutlass 4; G.A.A. 4; Glee  
Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Marching Band 4.

**JAMES GREEN**  
"Green-O"

Hi-Y 3,4; Student Senate 2; Buccaneer 3,4; Varsity  
B 3,4; Football 3,4; Class President 2; Class Play 3;  
Glee Club 1; Band 1,2; Orchestra 2.



**RODNEY D. JENNINGS**

"Rod"

Hi-Y 2,3 Vice President, 4; Student Senate 4; Cutlass 1,2,3; Buccaneer 3,4 Co-Editor; Student Handbook Editor 3; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 1,3; Operetta Cast 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; District Boys' Ensemble 1,3; District Solo Contest 2,3 State 3.



**KAYE MATTER**

Kaye

Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Y-Teens 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3 President, 4; State Homemaker 3; Student Senate 3; Cutlass 3,4; National Honor Society 3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,3,4 Vice President; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.



**BETTY MAY**

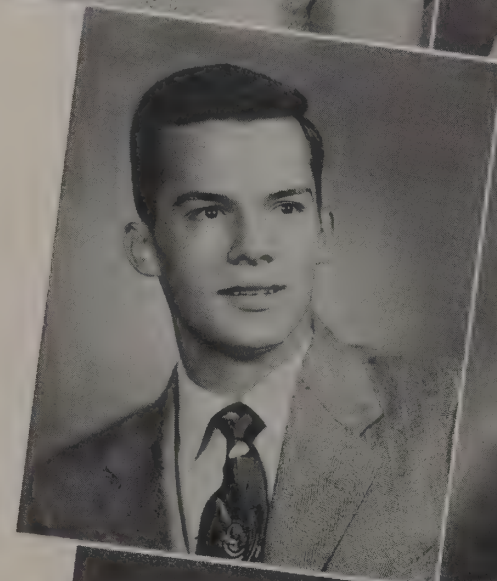
Betty

Y-Teens 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Orchestra 1,2.

**GERALD KAUFMAN**

"Shorty"

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Basketball 3,4; Cutlass 4; Varsity B 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4.



**KARL KLASSEN**

Karl

Hi-Y 2,3,4 Secretary; Student Senate 1; Cutlass 1,4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Class Play 3; Class President 1; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4.

**JOAN MOSER**

"Jo"

F.H.A. 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Orchestra 2,3.



**SUE RISSE**

Sue

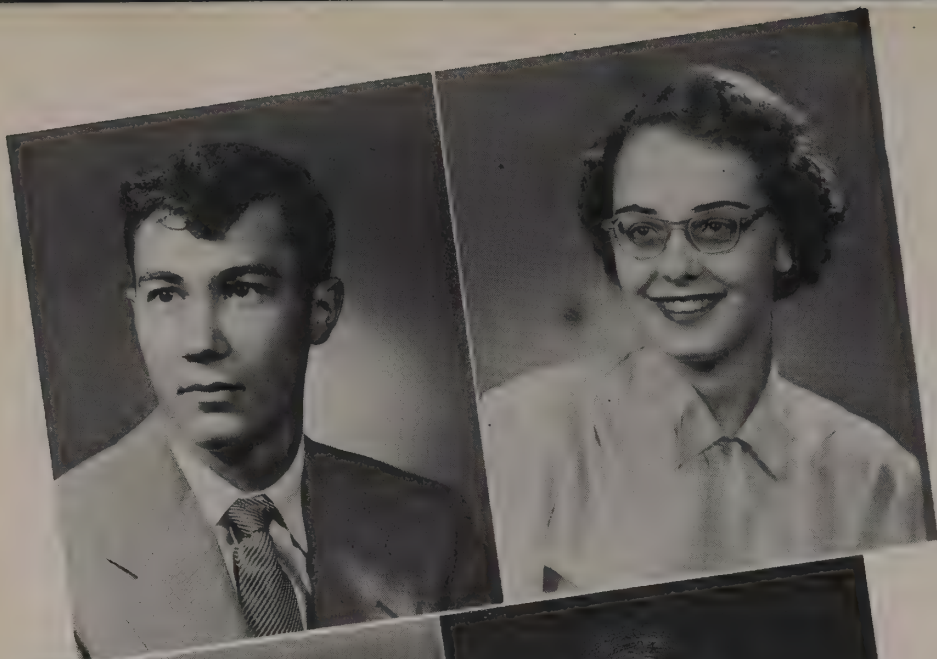
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**EVAN W. LEHMAN**

"Wimp"

Hi-Y 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Secretary 3,4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.





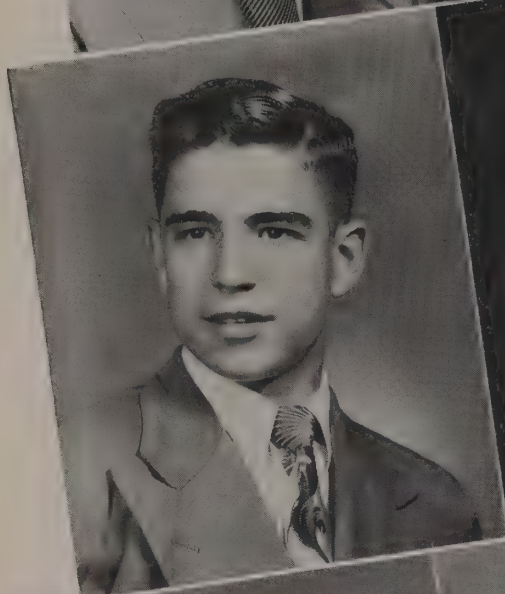
**ROBERT LEIBER**  
"Laboo"

Hi-Y 3,4; Varsity B 1,2,4; Football 1,2,4; Class Secretary and Treasurer 2; Boys' State 3; Glee Club 1; Band 1,2.



**EMMA SCHMUTZ**  
Emma

Cutlass Business Manager 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4 Vice President; Glee Club 1,2,3.



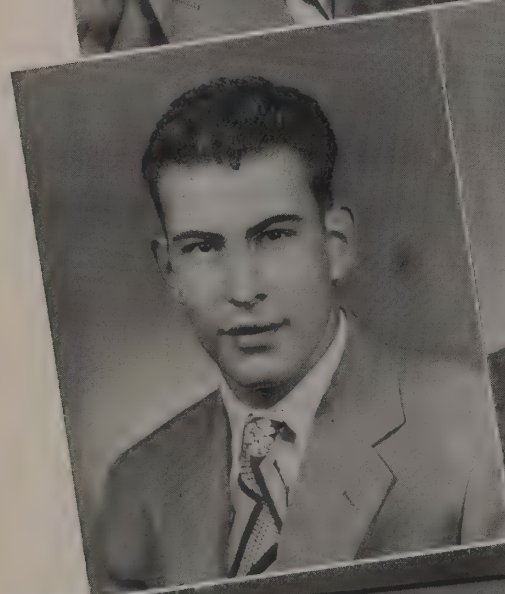
**BOB MATHEWSON**  
"Robert"

Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Football 1,3,4.



**WILLIAM MONTGOMERY**  
"Bill"

Hi-Y 4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4 President; Football 1,2,3,4 Captain; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.



**R. LaVERNE MOSER**  
"Mose"

Hi-Y 2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Basketball 3,4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4. Baseball 1,4; Class Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4.

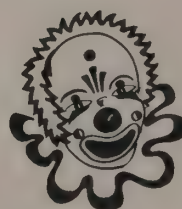


**JAMES SHUMAKER**  
"Bill"

Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

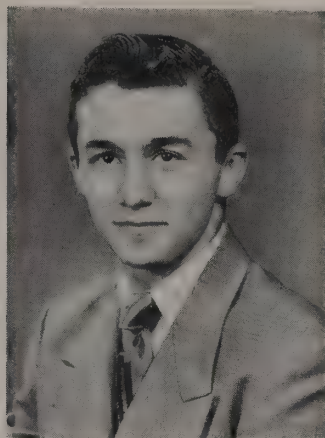


"Typical Senior Class Meeting"

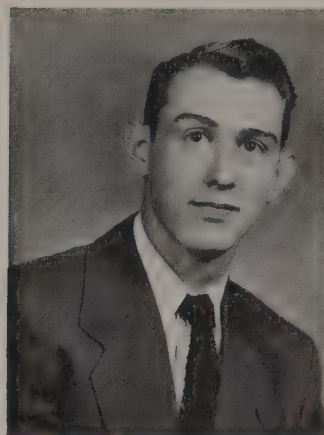




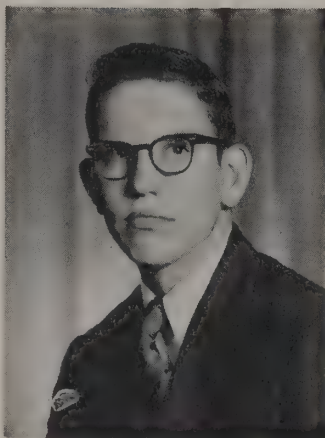
## Juniors



**Bill Ramseyer**  
President



**Don Badertscher**  
Vice President



**Todd Hey**  
Secretary



**Harriet Badertscher**  
Treasurer

The junior class was very busy this year trying to find ways to make money to take care of the bills that were constantly coming in. All have looked forward to two big goals, the junior-senior prom and the class trip next year.

This year many of the boys have participated in sports. Two girls were cheer-leaders, and one was a majorette. Others were very active in the school organizations.

The big event this year was the play, entitled "Lights Out," which was presented on December 9 and 10. The class sold at games and had candy sales.

Each member of the class of 1954 wishes to thank our advisor, Mr. Harris, for the interest and guidance he has given us, and also our thanks to the officers who have played a big role in our junior year. The juniors have just one short year in which to accomplish many tasks and hope they can set a good example for others who will follow.



Three Junior gals just dying to dance.



Ambitious juniors in Mechanical drawing.

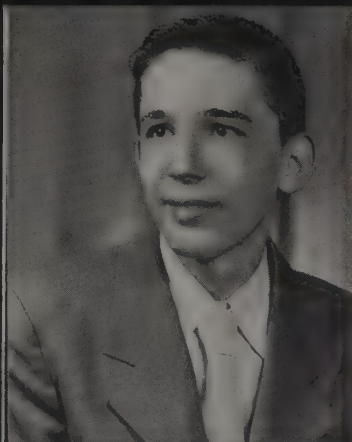
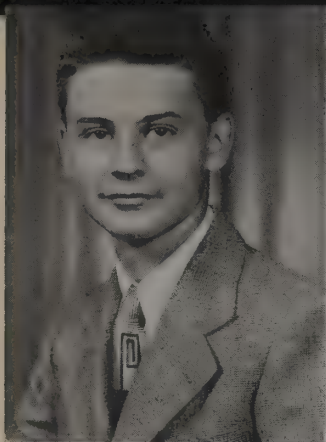
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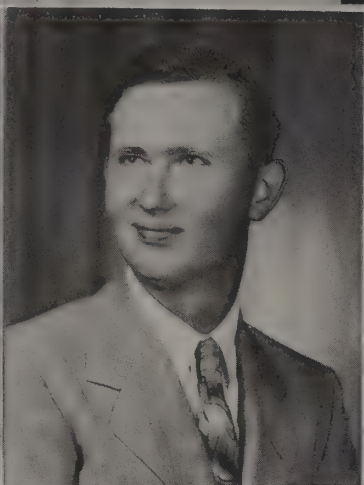
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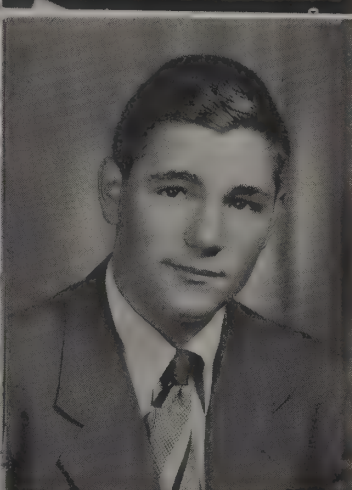
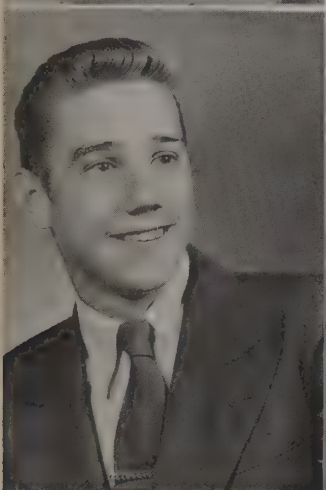




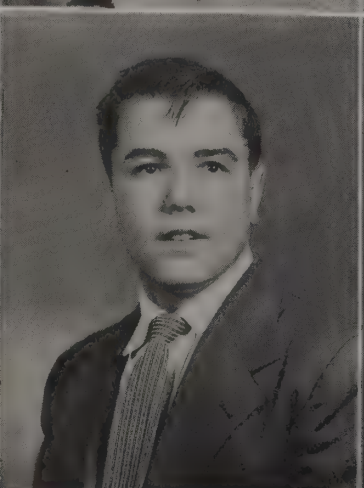
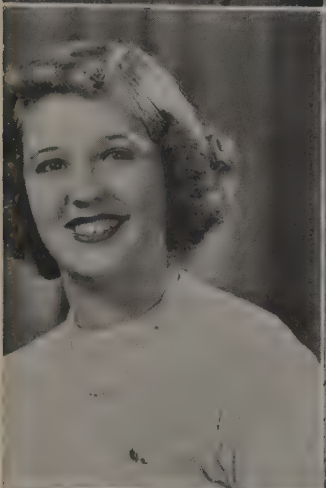
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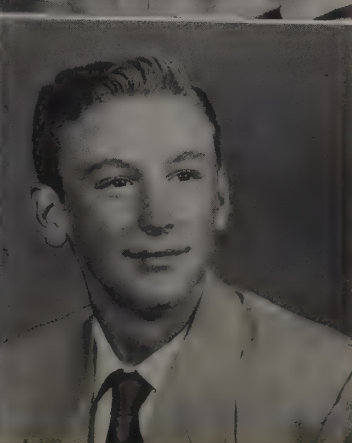
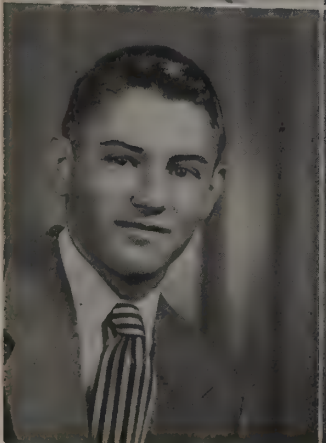
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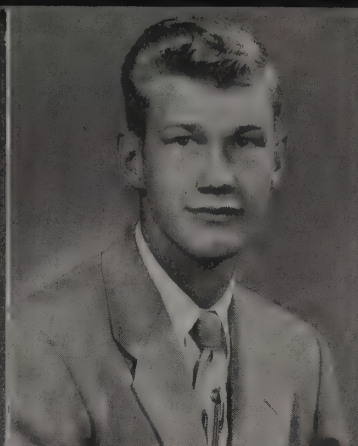
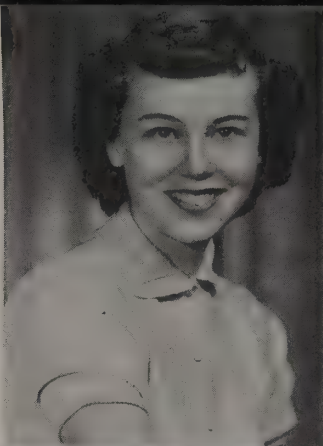
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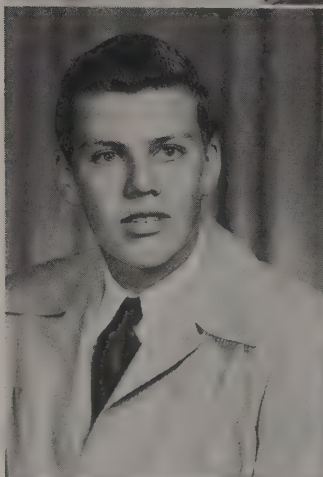
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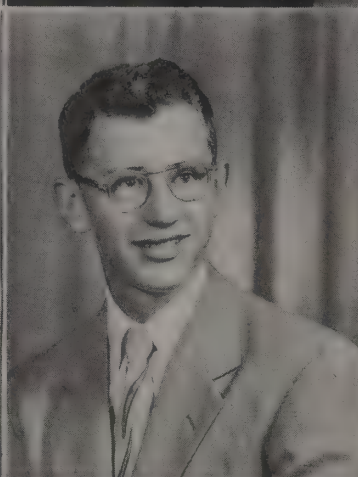
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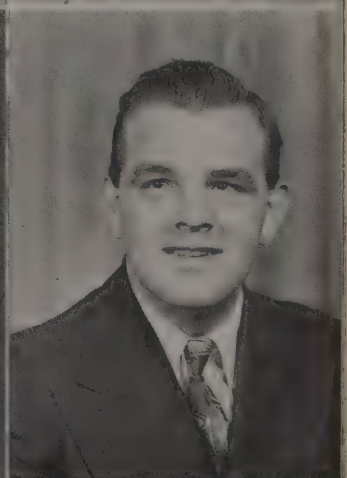
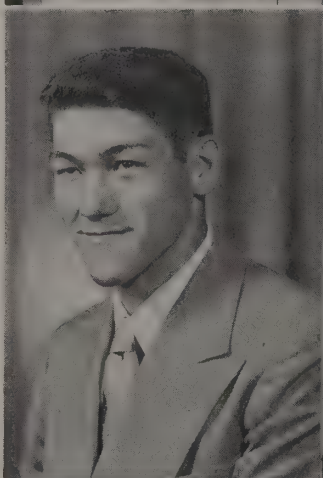
Joanne Rodabaugh



Richard Warren

Yvonne Rupright

Marl Watkins



Carolyn Shafer

Ann Thomas

Sharon Van Tilburg







# Sophomores

Don Kimmet .....President

Maurice Mahoney.....Vice President

Nancy King .....Secretary

Bob Steiner .....Treasurer

The class of 1955 entered their sophomore year with 36 pupils. This year they are honored to have representing their class, Dorothy Stratton as head majorette and Nora Preto as one of the varsity cheerleaders. Skippy Mahoney, a varsity football player, received honorable mention from the Western Buckeye League.

The thing the class looked forward to most was their class rings. During the year the class worked on several money-making projects with the help of their advisor, Mr. Howe.

SEATED: Yoakum, Matter, Fritchie, D. Badertscher, Mahoney, Aukerman, Basinger, D. Steiner.  
 ROW TWO: Tripplehorn, Balmer, Stratton, Hauenstein, Montgomery, M. Badertscher, Gierman, Jorg, Berry.  
 ROW THREE: Diller, Gaiffe, Hilty, Amstutz, Joseph, Preto, King.  
 ROW FOUR: Schumaker, Parish, Klassen, Hursey, Criblez, Reichenbach.  
 ROW FIVE: Skidmore, Robert Steiner, Lauriat, Ralf Steiner, Zimmerly.  
 MISSING: Kimmet.







## Freshmen

Shirley Burry .....President

Barry Corson .....Vice President

Dale Hochstettler ..Secretary-Treasurer

The members of the class of '56 were very proud to be freshmen this year and to take part in many school activities. The freshman class holds a very definite position in the personality of the high school. Those who were athletically inclined were members of the football and basketball teams and G.A.A. Others enjoyed band and orchestra. Future farmers and homemakers faithfully attended F.F.A. and F.H.A. One member was a drum major, and three members were reserve cheerleaders. As far as pep and school spirit is concerned, the freshman class is not lacking. They wish also, to express their many thanks to Miss Slusser, who devoted much time and effort in helping make their freshman year a most successful one.

SEATED: Chidester, J. Berry, Conrad, Corson, Burry, Hochstettler, Amstutz, Basinger, Althaus, Laycock.  
 ROW TWO: Triplehorn, Herr, Wahlie, Galloway, C. Moser, Frick, Kempf, Deifendeifer, Clauss, J. Berry, S. Zimmerman.  
 ROW THREE: M. Amstutz, Lora, K. Zimmerman, R. Garmatter, Benroth, D. Badertscher, R. Badertscher, Glaze, Green.  
 ROW FOUR: Cummins, C. Garmatter, Hilty, N. Frankhauser, Reichenbach, Nonnamaker, Bixel, R. Frankhauser.  
 ROW FIVE: Schmutz, Chamberlain, Derringer, Fields, W. Moser, Triplett, Scoles.  
 MISSING: Bechtel, Mathewson, Clay.







SEATED: Walker, Gierman, Fisher, Geiger, Steiner, Galloway, K. Basinger, Parish.  
 ROW TWO: Balmer, J. Badertscher, Tschantz, Bucher, Lehman, Koontz, Hahn, Triplett, Leiber, Triplehorn.  
 ROW THREE: Augsburg, G. Basinger, Herr, Jorg, Marvin Diller, Garmatter, Lora, Urich, King.  
 ROW FOUR: May, Risser, V. Moser, Schmidt, Core, L. Moser, Kaufman, Schumaker.  
 ROW FIVE: Gerber, Schiffke, Gleason, Alspach, Murray, D. Badertscher, Geiser.  
 MISSING: Mary Jo Diller.

Members of the eighth grade took part in the various activities open to them. Some of the boys were active in junior high sports and the girls took part in 4-H and girl scouts. One of their members was elected as a reserve cheerleader, and two others were majorettes.

They wish to thank Mr. Basinger for leading them through a very successful year.

## *Eighth Grade*

Dan Gleason .....President

Nancy Steiner.....Vice President

Judith Tschantz ...Secretary-Treasurer





Since the members of the seventh grade are in junior high school, they hope to become better students. The seventh grade has thirty-three pupils who are interested in various activities. There are a number of girls in girl scouts, and seven girls are in the 4-H club.

The boys played junior high basketball and participated in basketball games at noon. Several boys are in 4-H and seven boys belong to boy scouts.

Some of the members of this class play in junior orchestra and sing in the choir.

They wish to express their thanks to Miss Keel for helping them in their new adventure in junior high school.



SEATED: L. Schiffke, Edinger, Henderson, T. Diller, Stauffer, Scoles, R. Badertscher, Mumma, King, J. Montgomery.  
 ROW 2: Burry, Deifendeifer, Kohli, M. Badertscher, Irwin, Traucht, Bauman, Moser, May.  
 ROW THREE: Conrad, Hilty, Rachel Devier, Rae Ann Devier, Gratz, Burkholder, Kimmert, Herr.  
 ROW FOUR: Reichenbach, Greiner, N. Montgomery, Weiss, Hartman.  
 MISSING: Edwards.

# Seventh Grade

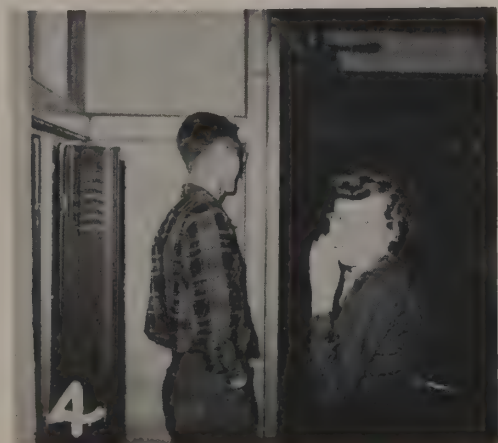
- Ann Stauffer .....President
- Timothy Diller.....Vice President
- James Scoles .....Secretary-Treasurer
- Miss Keel .....Advisor







## Camera Snaps



1. "Dear Sip:" "Oh, \*%&\$#!!!"
2. Cafeteria chefs making thick, delicious peanut butter sandwiches.
3. F.H.A. Initiation—"We, the Future Homemakers—"
4. "Oh, Oh, Sue; who's that he's looking at?"
5. Squad No. 15 after a rough noontime football game.
6. "The measurements are—now let me see—"
7. "Shhh—Studios people."??





*Activities*





Beery, Derringer, Kittle, Jennings, Green.

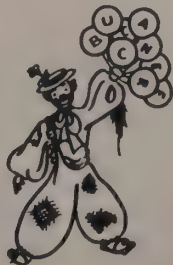
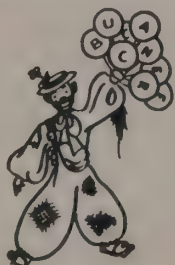
SEATED: Lewis, Carmack, Cummins, Burry.  
ROW TWO: T. Bucher, R. Bucher, Molder, Burkholder, C. Bucher, Geiger,  
Badertscher, Duffield.

## Buccaneer

Work and more work! That is what the staff faced as they made their plans last September. Everyone was kept very busy carrying out his share of the work. "Get more ads . . . did you get a picture of that . . . that page just doesn't proportion out right . . . we'll never get everything put together" . . . Such was the way conversation ran everytime any of the staff met to work. But slowly and surely, page by page, the '53 Buccaneer came into being—the theme being a circus, "THE BIG SHOW".

Mary Lewis was assistant art editor; Mary Burry, society editor; Colleen Cummins, senior class editor; Ralph Molder, assistant photographer; Charles Bucher, Richard Bucher, and Don Badertscher, assistant business managers; Carol Carmack, music editor; and David Burkholder and Tom Bucher, sports editors.

Shirley Derringer, Rodney Jennings. .  
..... Co-editors  
David Beery..... Business Manager  
James Green..... Photography Editor  
Mr. Kittle ..... Advisor  
Miss Duffield, Mr. Geiger.....  
..... Assistant Advisors







# Cutlass

"When does the Cutlass come out again?" is a familiar sound to the Cutlass staff which is kept busy getting it published monthly.

To the average person a Cutlass is a sword, but to the students of Bluffton High School it is the school paper which is planned, written, and edited by the students to provide accurate and unbiased presentation of school news.



Schmutz, Risser, Burkholder, Duffield, Rodabaugh.

Sue Risser .....Editor  
 Joanne Rodabaugh....Assistant Editor  
 Emma Schmutz, David Burkholder...  
 ..... Business Managers  
 Miss Duffield .....Advisor

SEATED: Galloway, Badertscher, Diller, Rodabaugh, Risser, Schmutz, Kimmet, Henry.  
 ROW TWO: Basinger, Preto, Gierman, Badertscher, Berry, Burry, Burkholder, Carmack, Fritchie.  
 ROW THREE: C. Bucher, Stratton, Cummins, Chamberlain, Matter, Hauenstein, Jorg, D. Badertscher.  
 ROW FOUR: Kaufman, Klassen, Molder, Gerber, Bucher.  
 MISSING: D. Burkholder, Todd Hey, R. Bucher.





F. F. A.

SEATED: Yoakum, Matter, Reichenbach, W. Lehman, Kaufman, E. Lehman, Moser, Badertscher.  
 ROW TWO: Green, Criblez, Kimmert, Amstutz, Tschiegg, Lora, Eugene Herr, Althaus.  
 ROW THREE: Chidester, M. Burkholder, Derringer, W. Moser, Geiger.  
 MISSING: D. Beery, Bucher, Schmutz, Leiber, Michael, Hofstetter.

Future Farmers of America is twenty-five years old this year, and the Bluffton chapter has had a busy year as shown by the following:

The F.F.A. used the forty-acre Kohler farm for raising chapter funds, ranked first in the County Livestock Judging Contest at the Allen County Fair, and received the rating "gold" in the Business Procedure Contest held at Bluffton. Twelve boys and their advisor attended the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. In addition, the club was honored to have three representatives at the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City.

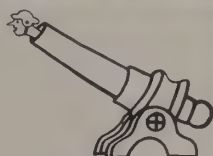
David Beery, President; Richard Bucher, Vice President; Evan Lehman, Secretary; Don Kimmert, Treasurer; Mr. Basinger, Advisor.  
 Mary Lewis, chapter sweetheart, chosen as attendant to the state F.F.A. Sweetheart.







F. H. A.



SEATED: Shafer, Wahlie, Henry, Derringer, Hauenstein, Chamberlain, M. Burry, Preto, Hursey, S. Berry, King, J. Diller.

ROW TWO: D. Basinger, Zimmerman, Badertscher, C. Moser, Galloway, Kempf, S. Burry, Frick, R. Garmatter, L. Triplehorn, Benroth, S. Zimmerman, May, Amstutz.

ROW THREE: S. Mathewson, H. Badertscher, Deifendeifer, M. Badertscher, Balmer, Shumaker, Skidmore, K. Hauenstein, Montgomery, Stratton, Berry, L. Moser, D. Triplehorn, Gaiiffe.

ROW FOUR: Hofstetter, Cummins, Burkholder, H. Bixel, J. Diller, A. Hilty, B. Bixel, R. Frankhauser, Parish, S. Hilty, Cribblez, Joseph.

ROW FIVE: Thomas, Herr, Matter, J. Basinger, Nonnamaker, Rodabaugh, Reichenbach, N. Frankhauser, Rupright, Van Tilburg.

MISSING: D. Bechtel, C. Mathewson, R. Basinger, Epley.

Future Homemakers of America is a national organization of pupils studying home-making. They work together for better and happier home life for everyone. The colors of the organization are red and white, and the flower is the red rose. "Towards New Horizons" is their motto.

Their main activities this year were the following: sponsoring the county rally, participating in National F.H.A. Week, carrying out several money-making projects, and sponsoring a style show and an orphanage party.

Mary Burry, President; Nora Preto, Vice President; Dolores Hauenstein, Secretary; Elise Chamberlain, Treasurer; Miss Diller, Advisor.

**F.H.A. Clean-up Day.**





# Tri - Hi - Y

Tri-Hi-Y is an organization for sophomore, junior, and senior girls. The purpose is "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school and community high standards of Christian character."

Five members spent a week at Camp Nelson Dodd in August. Several girls attended a district meeting at Camp St. Marys. They had the privilege of being hostesses to the district Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y Conference which was held at Bluffton College. Some of the outstanding meetings were the joint induction service with the Hi-Y and a joint Christmas program on customs in other lands.

Janice Henry .....President  
Joanne Rodabaugh.....Vice President  
Sue Risser .....Secretary  
Colleen Cummins .....Treasurer  
Shirley Derringer .....Chaplain  
Miss Keel .....Advisor

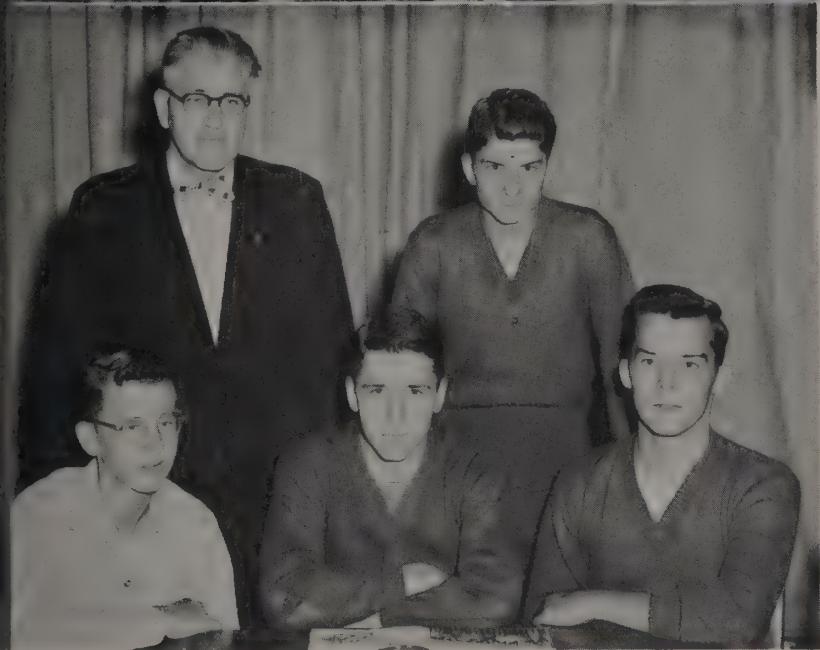
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ROW TWO: Balmer, Hauenstein, Montgomery, Badertscher, Gierman, Burkholder, Amstutz, King, Burry.  
ROW THREE: Berry, GaiFFE, Hilty, Parish, Criblez, Joseph, Diller, Preto.  
ROW FOUR: Kimmert, Bixel, Chamberlain, Hursey, Matter, Lewis, Klassen.  
ROW FIVE: Tripplehorn, Stratton, Carmack, Fritchie.







SEATED: R. Steiner, Klassen, Gerber, Tschiegg, T. Bucher, D. Steiner, Fritchie, E. Lehman.  
 ROW TWO: Jennings, C. Bucher, D. Amstutz, Basinger, Dean Badertscher, Aukerman, F. Amstutz, Daryl Badertscher.  
 ROW THREE: Don Badertscher, Green, Zimmerly, W. Lehman, Moser, Stager.  
 ROW FOUR: Molder, Leiber, Ramseyer, R. Bucher, Beery.  
 ROW FIVE: Lauriat, Warren.



Tschiegg, Buhler, Gerber, Bucher, Klassen.

David Gerber .....President  
 David Tschiegg.....Vice President  
 Karl Klassen .....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Tom Bucher .....Chaplain

Mr. Buhler .....Advisor  
 Mr. Lehman.....Assistant Advisor

## Hi-Y

The Hi-Y is a group of sophomore, junior, and senior boys joined together for good fellowship and to fulfill the Hi-Y purpose which is "To create, maintain and extend, throughout the home, school, and community, high standards of Christian character".

Our main projects were sending two boys to Camp Nelson Dodd, attending the Y.M. C.A. leadership training camp, sponsoring the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Conference of Northwestern Ohio, at Bluffton College, and sending a CARE package.

Our programs were designed to solve problems and furnish entertainment.





SEATED: Herr, Balmer, Kimmet, Henry, Schmutz, Carmack, H. Badertscher, Cummins, J. Diller, Hauenstein.  
 ROW TWO: D. Badertscher, Moser, Kempf, Galloway, Frick, S. Burry, L. Tripplehorn, J. Berry, M. Burry, Preto.  
 ROW THREE: Deifendeifer, Risser, Mathewson, S. Berry, Montgomery, Amstutz, Stratton, Gaiffe, D. Tripplehorn, Joseph.  
 ROW FOUR: Klassen, Shumaker, J. Diller, Burkholder, Rupright, Parish, Hilty, Criblez.  
 ROW FIVE: Chamberlain, Matter, Basinger, Nonnamaker, Rodabaugh, Reichenbach, Hursey, Thomas, Van Tilburg.

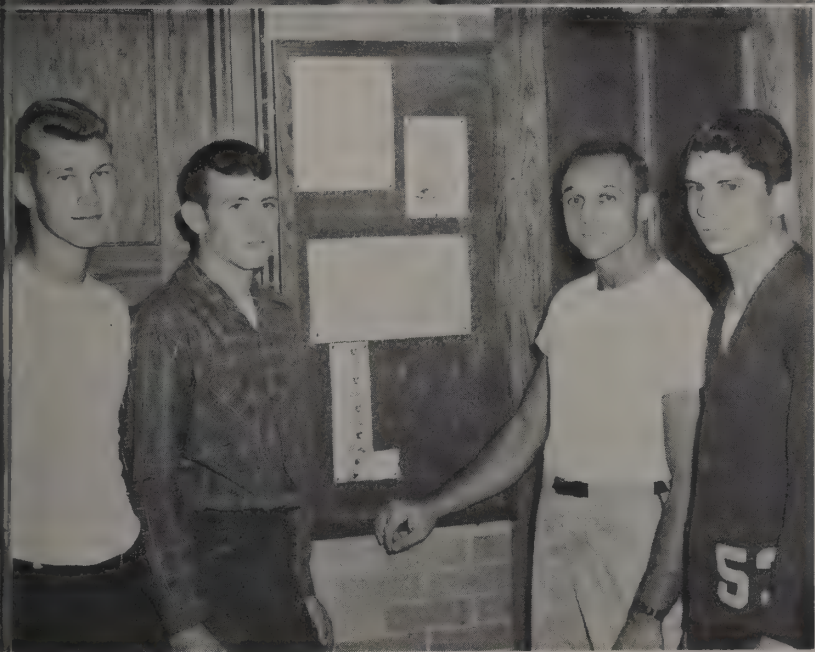
## G. A. A.

The Girls' Athletic Association provides physical activity for the girls. Any girl in high school is welcome to join and is urged to participate in the various activities. Some of the activities they have enjoyed are volleyball, softball, and basketball. They also joined the Varsity "B" in sponsoring a high school party. G.A.A. members may earn a letter or pin by means of a point system.



Carol Carmack .....President  
 Emma Schmutz.....Vice President  
 Harriet Badertscher .....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Miss Bechtel .....Advisor





SEATED: Cummins, Basinger, Conrad, Scoles, Fritchie, R. Badertscher, D. Steiner, Shumaker, E. Lehman.  
 ROW TWO: Gerber, R. Bucher, Klassen, Aukerman, Dean Badertscher, Joseph, Basinger, W. Lehman, Amstutz.  
 ROW THREE: McCune, Campbell, Reichenbach, Triplett, Corson, Berry, Mahoney.  
 ROW FOUR: Watkins, Green, Don Badertscher, Mathewson, Leiber, Moser, Ramseyer, T. Bucher.  
 ROW FIVE: Molder, C. Bucher, Zimmerly, Derringer, Warren, Matter, R. Green.

## Varsity "B"

William Montgomery .....President  
 Thomas Bucher.....Vice President  
 Ralph Molder .....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Mr. Schmidt .....Advisor

All boys who have earned a letter or who are participating in a current sport are invited to join the Varsity "B."

Their activities for this year included selling programs at football and basketball games and selling "Pirate" license plate signs. They also bought miniature footballs for the homecoming queen and her attendants.





## *Student Senate*

President  
David Beery  
Vice President  
Janice Henry  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Mary Burry  
Concession Manager  
Rodney Jennings

ROW ONE: Jennings, Ramseyer, C. Bucher, M. Burry, Henry, Carmack, Gerber, S. Burry.

ROW TWO: Badertscher, Risser, T. Bucher, Derringer, Kimmet.



## *Student Patrol*

Captain  
David Gerber  
Lieutenants  
Don Badertscher  
David Beery  
Shirley Derringer  
Joanne Rodabaugh  
Sue Risser  
Advisor  
Supt. Murray

ROW ONE: Murray, Risser, Derringer.

ROW TWO: Badertscher, Gerber, Rodabaugh, Beery.



## *National Honor Society*

The selection of members is limited to not more than fifteen per cent of the senior class and not more than five per cent of the junior class. Selections are based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A member must have a B average or better.

ROW ONE: Matter, Risser, Derringer, Carmack.

ROW TWO: Burkholder, Gerber, Rodabaugh, Beery.



BLUFFTON FOREVER, WE WILL SING TO YOU; WE'LL DEFEND OUR STANDARDS IN WHATEVER WE DO

RAH ! RAH ! RAH ! HAIL, HAIL, THE GANGS ALL HERE, SINGING WITH OUR MIGHT, WE'LL

STICK TOGETHER FOR THE RED AND THE WHITE. BLUFFTON FOREVER, WE WILL SING TO YOU;

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ROW ONE: Montgomery, Stratton, J. Moser, Kimmet, May, Badertscher, M. Burry, J. Diller, Jorg, L. Amstutz, Derringer, S. Berry, D. Basinger.  
 ROW TWO: Cummins, Hofstetter, Burkholder, Matter, Klassen, Hursey, Shafer, Rupright, L. Moser, A. Amstutz, Fritchie.  
 ROW THREE: J. Berry, Van Tilburg, Thomas, J. Basinger, Gierman, Lewis, Carmack, Garmatter, Frankhouser, Henry.  
 ROW FOUR: C. Moser, Triplehorn, King, D. Badertscher, Galloway, Deifendeifer, Parish, S. Burry, Zimmerman.  
 ROW FIVE: H. Bixel, S. Hilty, Hauenstein, Rodabaugh, Reichenbach, Nonnamaker, A. Hilty, B. Bixel.  
 MISSING: R. Basinger, J. Skidmore.

## Girls' Glee

Shirley Derringer .....President  
 Kaye Matter.....Vice President  
 Vonda Burkholder .....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Roberta Basinger, Ann Thomas...Librarians



Matter, Lehman, Derringer, Burkholder.

A circus just wouldn't be complete without a group of girls singing. Well, the Bluffton High Girls' Glee takes over that pleasant task around here. Maybe the girls don't have elephants to ride and can't fly through the air on a trapeze, but they add a lot of enjoyment to any program they're in.

During the year the girls were busy practicing for assembly programs, the Christmas program, the operetta, and the contests. The girls also sang some songs just because they liked them. Some of the favorite songs were "Wishes", "Music That Brings Sweet Sleep", and "Sweethearts".

The girls' glee enjoyed the many good times it has had and hopes Mr. Lehman liked directing it almost as much as the girls liked him as a director.





## Boys' Glee

ROW ONE: Triplett, Cummins, Moser, Glaze, Berry, W. Lehman, Jennings, Tschiegg, Laycock, Althaus, Hochstettler.  
 ROW TWO: Reichenbach, Lora, E. Lehman, Aukerman, Derringer, R. Steiner, Matter, Ramseyer, Kimmet, C. Bucher.  
 ROW THREE: Badertscher, T. Bucher, Molder, Lauriat, Klassen, E. Reichenbach, Stager, Beery, R. Bucher.

David Beery .....President

Don Badertscher.....Vice President

LaVerne Moser .....Secretary-Treasurer

Bill Ramseyer, Ralph Molder.....Librarians

When you hear the boys' glee, you can hardly believe that some of the fellows singing are the same ones you saw playing football and basketball. Yes, the fellows are rough and tough when they are playing for Bluffton High, but they are sweet enough to soothe the savage beast when they are singing for B. H. S.

The boys' glee has been busy this year singing for various assemblies and other programs. The 28 members of boys' glee like to sing "The Roamer", "Night Shades Are Gently Falling", and "Ride the Chariot".



D. Badertscher, Beery, Lehman, L. Moser.





Derringer, Lehman, Bucher, Kimmet.

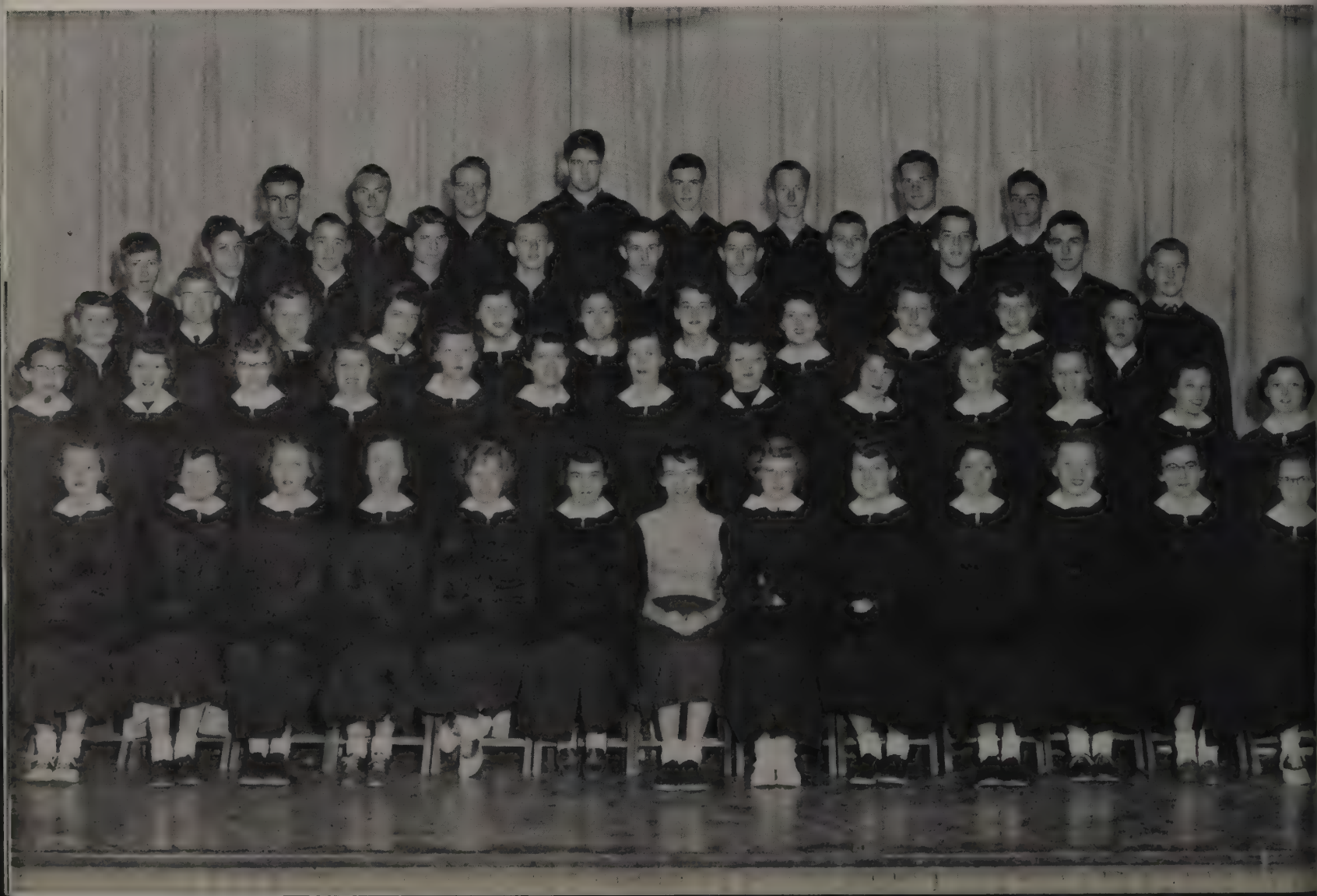
# Mixed Chorus

If you should see the mixed chorus practice, you would think you were at a circus. Some one is always clowning around when they are not singing; but when Mr. Lehman gives directions or when they are singing, they are very serious about making the music sound its best. The 54 members of the mixed chorus are chosen from the two glee clubs. There was no clowning when the mixed chorus appeared in assembly programs, the Christmas program, the operetta, the contests, and the spring concert.

The songs that are favorites with the members of the chorus and the audiences are the "Carol of the Bells", "Go Not Far From Me", "Sleep, Baby, Sleep", and "Dark Water".

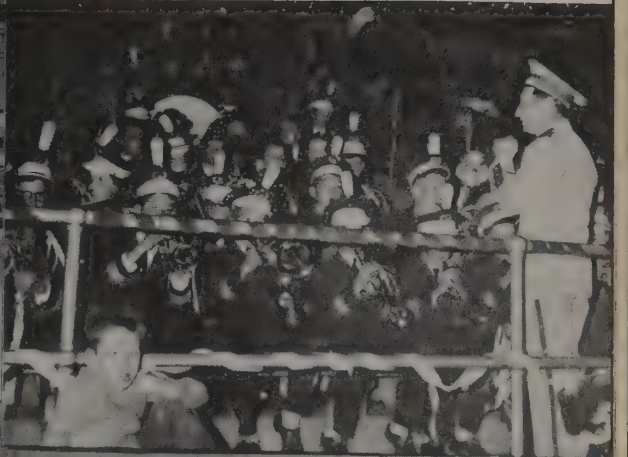
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 Shirley Derringer.....Vice President  
 Carol Kimmet .....Secretary  
 Irlene Gierman .....Reporter  
 Evan Lehman, Sharon Van Tilburg.....  
 .....Librarians

ROW ONE: Stratton, J. Moser, Montgomery, C. Kimmet, May, Badertscher, S. Berry, Burry, Diller, Jorg, Amstutz, S. Derringer, D. Basinger.  
 ROW TWO: J. Berry, Cummins, Hofstetter, Burkholder, K. Matter, A. Klassen, Hursey, Shafer, Rupright, L. Moser, A. Amstutz, Henry, Fritchie.  
 ROW THREE: Hochstettler, Glaze, Van Tilburg, Thomas, J. Basinger, Gierman, Lewis, Carmack, Garmatter, Frankhouser, Althaus.  
 ROW FOUR: R. Reichenbach, Jennings, J. Matter, T. Bucher, Tschiegg, Lehman, W. Lehman, E. Reichenbach, K. Klassen, B. Ramseyer, Laycock.  
 ROW FIVE: L. Moser, Steiner, C. Bucher, Lauriat, R. Derringer, D. Kimmet, R. Bucher, Beery.





# Music Sketches



1. Chorus at Music Festival, Bluffton College. 2. Festival Orchestra. 3. Festival Band, "Oh, that scream!!" 4. "Oh, that operetta Chorus-line." 5. Oom-pah, Oom-pah!! 6. Band at faculty-businessmen game. 7. . . . and this foreign weakling . . . 8. "My dearest love . . ."





ROW ONE: Lauriat, K. Matter, Risser, E. Chamberlain, Cummins, A. Amstutz, Hofstetter, Badertscher, L. Moser, Burkholder.  
 ROW TWO: J. Matter, L. Amstutz, Hilty, Hauenstein, Garmatter, Balmer, Zimmerly, Klassen, D. Gerber, R. Bucher, Tschiegg, F. Chamberlain, Gierman, Frankhouser, W. Jorg, S. Berry.  
 ROW THREE: Chidester, Geiger, Augsburg, Frick, P. Jorg, G. Lora, Jennings, Rupright, Hochstettler, Laycock, R. Lora, Triplehorn, Bixel, Althaus, Steiner.  
 ROW FOUR: J. Berry, Herr, Montgomery, M. Gerber, Hursey, Nonnamaker, Galloway, Kimmet, Reichenbach, Bucher, Glaze.  
 MISSING: Derringer, Basinger.

Risser, R. Bucher, T. Bucher, Lehman.



## Band

"Here comes the band!" Yes, with that shout you knew that the Bluffton High School band was on its way up the field to put on another fine and colorful show at a football game. Just as everyone loves to see the band at a circus, he likes to see the Bluffton band when it is on parade. The thing people don't think about though is the long hours of practice the band has to go through in the blazing sun or the freezing rain or snow. The band members just get a feeling of satisfaction though when friends tell them how proud they are of them when they see them marching and playing at all of our football games.

After the football season was over, the concert band of 50 members got down to business rehearsing for the Sunday concert in February. They also worked hard practicing for the spring contest at which the band always makes a very good showing.

Some of the band's favorite songs are "Prairie Prince", "Overture Hongroin", "Washington Post March", and "Little Norwegian Suite".

Richard Bucher .....President  
 Sue Risser.....Vice President  
 Tom Bucher .....Secretary-Treasurer  
 Robert Steiner, Elise Chamberlain. Librarians



# Orchestra

While the band is parading in the circus, the orchestra sticks to the serious side of the musical entertainment. The orchestra appeared at the winter contest, accompanied in the operetta, and played at the contests. Another of the orchestra's duties was to play at commencement.

The orchestra's forty members especially enjoyed playing "Waltzing Cat", "Cavalier Overture", "Tunes from Pinafore", "March" from Carmen.

Wilma Jorg, Irlene Gierman, and Anita Klassen were chosen to participate in the regional orchestra at Bascom, Ohio. Wilma Jorg was chosen as one of the ten best violinists at this event and therefore was one of those to represent the Northwest Ohio Region in the All-Ohio Symphony Orchestra. As one of the fifty violinists in the orchestra, she joined in the all-day rehearsal and participated in the concert given that evening at Ohio State University in Columbus.



Gierman, Jorg, Klassen.

ROW ONE: Jorg, I. Gierman, Reichenbach, M. Gierman, Steiner, Schmidt, King.

ROW TWO: Derringer, Stratton, Klassen, Bixel, Hofstetter, Stauffer, Moser, Burkholder, Frankhauser, Berry, Amstutz.

ROW THREE: Galloway, Walker, Hilty, J. Hilty, Schiffke, Gleason, Garmatter, Lauriat, R. Steiner, Balmer, Zimmerman, R. Bucher, Tschiegg.

STANDING: Hursey, Montgomery, C. Bucher, Tschantz, Jennings.







SEATED: May, Schiffke, Galloway, Hilty, Gleason, Walker, Diller, Schmidt, Koontz, Steiner, Reichenbach, Gierman.

STANDING: Herr, Jorg, Lora, Montgomery, Gerber, Balmer, Augsburg, Geiger, Stauffer, King, L. Schiffke, Tschantz.

## Junior Orchestra

The junior orchestra is composed of seventh and eighth grade musicians who are preparing for the high school orchestra and band. This year 25 young musicians played in junior orchestra. They seemed to agree that the "Russian Overture" was their favorite selection.

The junior chorus is made up of students from the junior high classes who will some day furnish the music for our Bluffton High circus. The 42 singers in the junior chorus practiced many songs, but their favorites were "John Peel" and "La Paloma". We are looking forward to the day when they will represent us as well in contests as they do in our assemblies.

## Junior Chorus



ROW ONE: Herr, Galloway, K. Basinger, Parish, Gierman, Stauffer, Kimmet, Deifen-deifer, Jorg, Burry, L. Schiffke, Scoles, Kohli. ROW TWO: Hilty, Lehman, Steiner, Bucher, Koontz, Geiger, Balmer, Garmatter, B. Herr, Urich, Diller, Triplett. ROW THREE: M. Diller, Gerber, J. Schiffke, Schmidt, Gleason, Geiser, Badertscher, Tschantz, Walker, M. Diller, G. Basinger.



## Sr. Boys Quartet

Concluding four years of activity, the senior boys' quartet has made many appearances in this community by appearing at assemblies, plays, lodges, grange, church groups, and various clubs. They wish to thank Mr. Lehman for his many efforts in leading the group.



## Girls Ensemble

Although the sophomore girls' ensemble has not had so much experience together as the quartet, they have an outstanding musical group, which when appearing, gave audiences pleasure and satisfaction. We wish to hear more of them in later years.



TOP: R. Bucher, Beery, T. Bucher, Jennings.  
MIDDLE: Stratton, Hursey, Jorg, Gierman, Skidmore, Montgomery, Klassen, Amstutz, Berry, Burkholder, accompanist.  
ROW ONE: Bucher, Eddie, Stratton, Thomas.  
ROW TWO: Tschantz, Moser.

## Majorettes

"Tarum-tum-tum, Tarum-tum-tum," Here comes Bluffton's snappy band! And look at those energetic majorettes! Yes, B.H.S. was very fortunate this year in having one of the outstanding majorette groups in this area. Under their keen direction, the band thrilled many spectators during the football season. Chosen by the entire band, they carried out their duties and performances much to the expectation of all.







ROW ONE: Klassen, Montgomery, Tschiegg, Beery, Derringer, R. Bucher, C. Cummins, Burkholder, Jennings, Lauriat, C. Kimmit, T. Bucher, Lewis, Ramseyer, C. Bucher.

ROW TWO: Henry, Berry, King, Hilty, Rupright, Bixel, Skidmore, K. Matter, J. Basinger, Reichenbach, R. Cummins, L. Moser, Amstutz, Zimmerman, C. Moser, Badertscher, Carmack, Fritchie, S. Burry, Basinger.

ROW THREE: J. Diller, Shafer, Hofstetter, Zimmerman, Glaze, Hauenstein, Berry, Van Tilburg, Triplett, Hilty, L. Moser, Parish, Fisher, Diefendeifer, Triplehorn, Stratton, L. Amstutz, Lora, Lehman, Steiner.

ROW FOUR: May, Galloway, Thomas, R. Basinger, Stager, J. Matter, Bixel, Aukerman, Hursey, D. Kimmit, Nonnamaker, D. Badertscher, Rodabaugh, Bechtel, Frankhouser, Garmatter, M. Burry, J. Moser, Hochstettler, Althaus.



## "A Waltz Dream"

MAXIMILIAN X.....Thorne Lauriat  
 PRINCESS HELENE....Colleen Cummins  
 PRINCE RUPERT.....Richard Bucher  
 LIEUTENANT NIKI.....Rodney Jennings  
 KAY ROBINSON.....Vonda Burkholder  
 PRINCESS MATILDA...Shirley Derringer  
 LIEUTENANT MONTSCHI...Tom Bucher  
 LOUISA..... Carol Kimmet  
 BERTRAM BUDGETT.....Bill Ramseyer  
 COUNT LOTHAR.....David Tschiegg  
 COUNT SIGISMUND.....David Beery  
 NICHOLAS..... Karl Klassen  
 FIFI..... Mary Lewis  
 ANNERL..... Sue Montgomery  
 GUIDE..... Charles Bucher

"Quite so; his name is Nicholas, but they call him Niki'."

"If love is deceiving, If sweethearts prove false . . ."



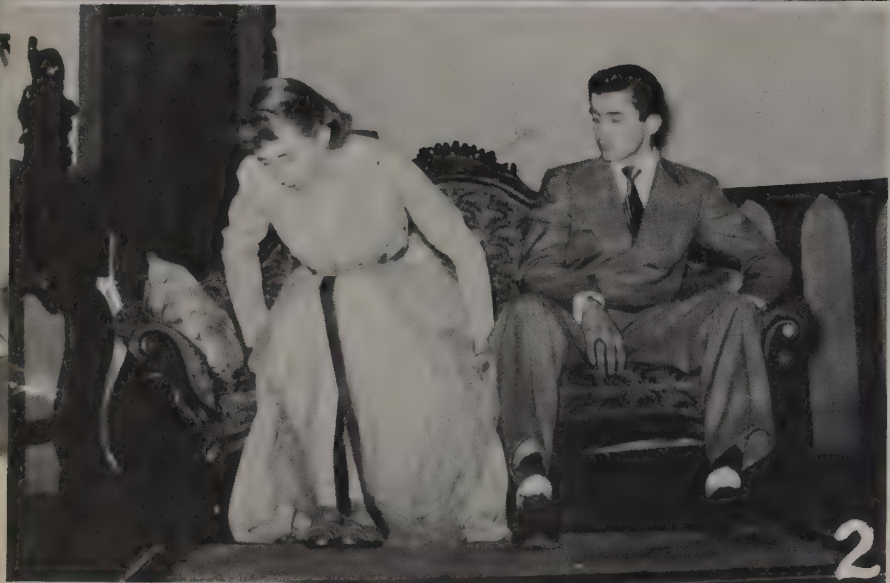


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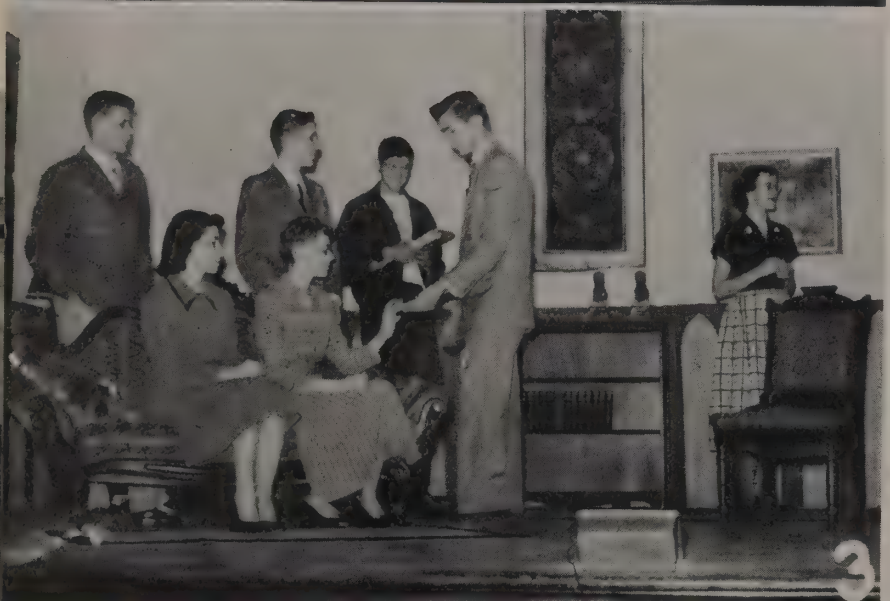




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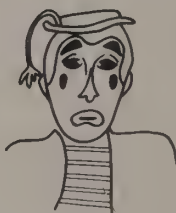
# Junior Play

## "LIGHTS OUT"

Written by Paul McCoy  
Directed by Mrs. F. T. Lauriat

Agnes Harwood.....Joanne Rodabaugh  
Doris Harwood.....Vonda Burkholder  
Carolyn Shafer  
Carl Emerson.....Edward Reichenbach  
Vicky Wayne.....Jeanette Basinger  
Lou Moser  
Helen Freeland.....Mary Burry  
Harriet Bixel  
John Bates.....Daryl Badertscher  
Susan Bates.....Doris Basinger  
Nina Epley  
Neil Parker.....Bill Ramseyer  
William Patterson Vaughn..David Tschiegg  
Ella Tucker.....Janice Diller  
Esther Hofstetter  
Benny King.....Wade Lehman

Stage Managers  
Richard Warren  
Joel Joseph  
Costumes  
Harriet Badertscher  
Ushers  
Esther Mathewson  
Ann Thomas  
Sharon Van Tilburg  
Roberta Basinger



1. **CAST B**—SEATED: Basinger, Reichenbach, Tschiegg.  
STANDING: Ramseyer, Shafer, Rodabaugh, Badertscher, Epley, Bixel, Hofstetter, Lehman.
2. "I refuse to listen anymore."
3. "Each of you take a card."
4. "The idea, Benny King, carrying on with another woman!!"



# Senior Play

## "THERE GOES THE BRIDE"

Written by  
Kay Ziegfield

Directed by  
Earl Lehman

Phyllis, engaged to be married... Mary Lewis  
Mrs. Curtis, her mother.... Shirley Derringer  
Dr. Curtis..... David Gerber  
Beachy, her sister..... Sue Risser  
Billy, her brother..... Rodney Jennings  
Anastasia, the cook..... Colleen Cummins  
Officer O'Flynn..... Bill Montgomery  
Natalie, Phyllis' friend..... Kaye Matter  
Lewis, Phyllis' fiance..... Karl Klassen  
Sally, the girl next door..... Sharon Fritchie  
Tom Eldridge..... Tom Bucher  
Dinty, his friend..... Evan Lehman

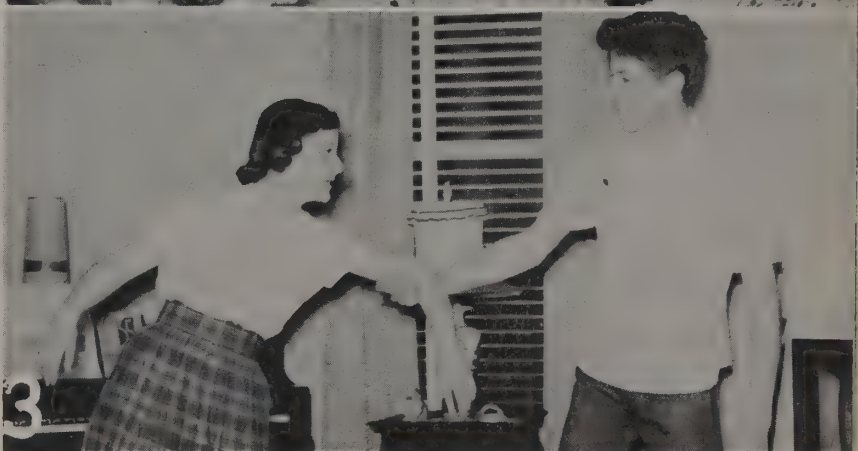
Stage Managers: Dean Amstutz, Richard  
Bucher, David Burkholder, Charles Bucher.

Ushers: Joan Moser, Betty May,  
LaVerne Moser, Gerald Kauf-  
man.

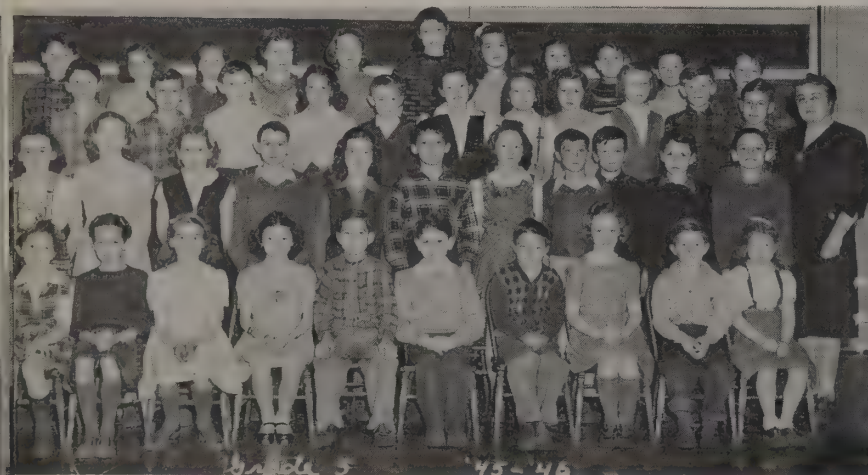
Costumes: Carol Kimmet, Janice  
Henry, Janice Diller.



1. **CAST**—SEATED: Bucher, Lewis, Gerber, Derringer, Risser, Klassen, Matter.  
STANDING: Jennings, Fritchie, Montgomery, Cummins, Lehman.
2. "Too long, Mother. The pattern calls for twelve inches from the ground."
3. "Come on, you! I'm gonna take you out and **drown** you!"
4. "That's the way it was, me lad. You can't get ahead of the law."
5. "Oh yeh?" "YEH" (Wham!!!)
6. "But my side of the family was always a little cracked."







## Then Understudies...

## Now Major Performers

### GRADE 1: SECTION A

ROW ONE: Burkholder, Boyd, Fritch, Conaway, Derringer, Maxon, Moser, May, Rupright, Amstutz, Miss Stepleton, Mathewson.  
ROW TWO: Campbell, Watkins, Lehman, Burrichter, Basinger, Montgomery, Bucher, Beery, Benroth.

### GRADE 1-SECTION B:

ROW ONE: Huber, Chamberlain, Risser, Harris, Matter, Follas, Lewis, Cummins, Carmack, Shaver, Mrs. Cox.  
ROW TWO: Klassen, Gerber, Wells, Garmatter, Schumaker, Conaway, Jennings, Green, Ferguson, Burkholder.

### GRADE 3:

ROW ONE: Risser, Honken, M. Burkholder, Lewis, Leiber, Fritch, May, Schumaker, Campbell, Rupright, Conaway, Mathewson.  
ROW TWO: Nonnamaker, Gerber, Huber, Derringer, Jennings, Follas, Cummins, Benroth, Stager.  
ROW THREE: Matter, D. Badertscher, Klassen, D. Burkholder, Montgomery, Watkins, Wells, Moser, T. Bucher.  
ROW FOUR: Beery, Chamberlain, Bixel, Amstutz, Ferguson, Maxon, J. Diller, Miss Balmer.

### GRADE 4:

ROW ONE: T. Bucher, Fritch, Derringer, Risser, Lewis, Mathewson, Leiber, Carmack, Schumaker, May.  
ROW TWO: Green, Montgomery, Klassen, Hauenstein, Matter, Moser, Lehman, Rupright, Wells, Burkholder, Benroth.  
ROW THREE: Cummins, Lanham, Beery, Jennings, Bohn, Follas, Nonnamaker, Conaway, Weyer, Koch, Gerber.  
ROW FOUR: Stager, Miss Hilty, D. Badertscher, S. Burkholder, Maxon, Amstutz, Chamberlain, M. Burkholder, Honken, Gunther, J. Diller.

### GRADE 5:

ROW ONE: Carmack, Conaway, Lewis, Fritch, Mathewson, Jennings, Edinger, Follas, Schumaker, May.  
ROW TWO: Derringer, Schmutz, Moser, D. Badertscher, Risser, Klassen, Matter, Leiber, Wells, Gerber, Beery.  
ROW THREE: T. Bucher, Benroth, Honken, Bohn, Lehman, Henry, Hauenstein, Cummins, Lanham, Montgomery, Moser, Mrs. Oyer.  
ROW FOUR: Koch, J. Diller, Hartzler, Chamberlain, Burkholder, Maxon, Amstutz, Nonnamaker, Stager, Burkholder, Green.

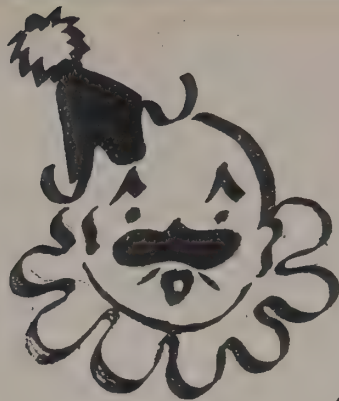
### GRADE 6:

ROW ONE: Leiber, Montgomery, Criblez, Moser, Lehman, Benroth, Jennings, Schumaker, Bucher, Mathewson.  
ROW TWO: May, Fritch, Carmack, Conaway, Lewis, Risser, Cummins, Henry, Follas, Lanham, Hauenstein.  
ROW THREE: Burkholder, Gerber, Beery, Klassen, R. Bucher, C. Bucher, Koch, D. Amstutz, Wells, Green, Miss Steiner.  
ROW FOUR: Matter, Derringer, Schmutz, Chamberlain, Amstutz, Nonnamaker, J. Diller, Hershberger, Moser.



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Sports







"Look, fellows, cut through that right end and—"



"And there goes Mahoney to the 10, the 5, to the—"



"Bluffton Forever"

# Football Glimpses



"How many tickets please?"



"Gee, Daddy, Whot Hoppened?"



"You gotta fight, fight, fight!"



"YEA! We won! We won!"





Mary Lewis

Queen Janice Henry

Sharon Fritchie

Janice Henry was elected by the student body to reign over the traditional homecoming festivities. Sharon Fritchie and Mary Lewis were chosen attendants. This royal court reigned over the Celina-Bluffton game which proved to be one of the most exciting games of the year. At halftime the band saluted the court with a special program. Queen Janice was then crowned by acting captain, Bill Montgomery.

After the game the royal company reigned over a dance given in their honor.

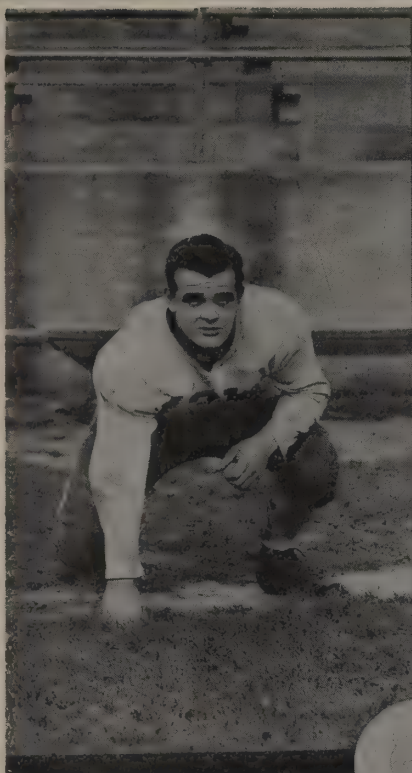
## Homecoming



1. Queen Janice arrives. 2. Being escorted to the throne. 3. The queen has been crowned. 4. Presenting the traditional football necklaces. 5. The royal trio and their escorts. 6. "May I have this dance, your majesty?"



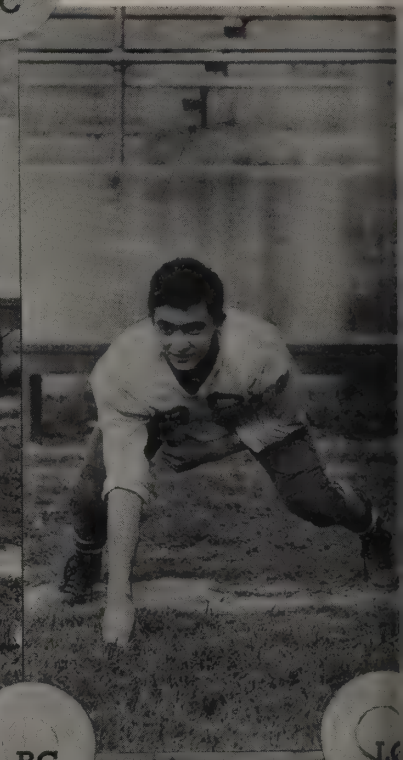
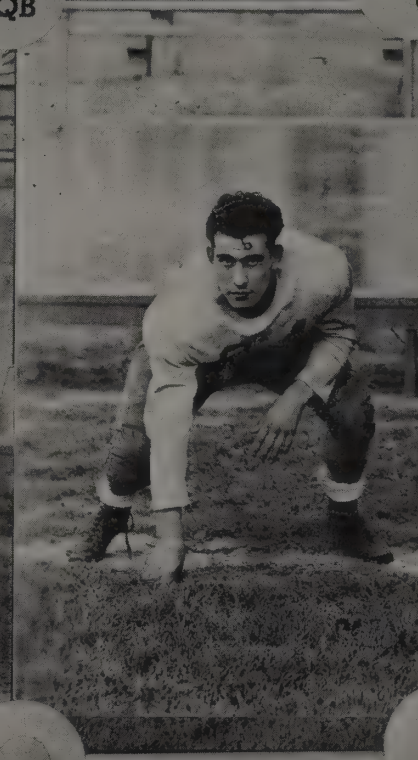
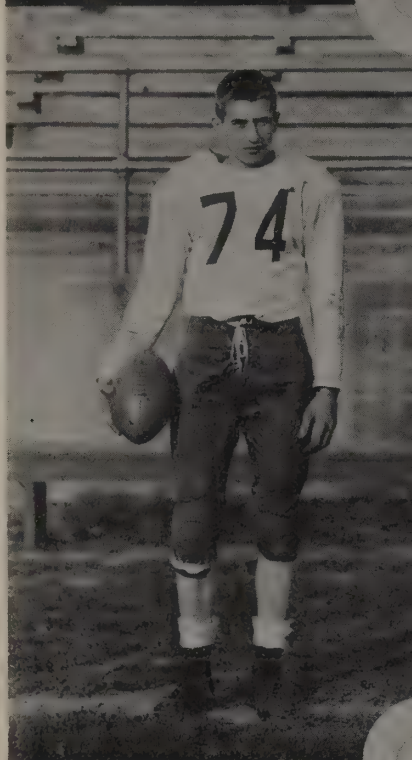
Watkins, Molder, Montgomery, Lehman, Bucher, Moser, Ramseyer, Mahoney, Gerber, Klassen, Badertscher.



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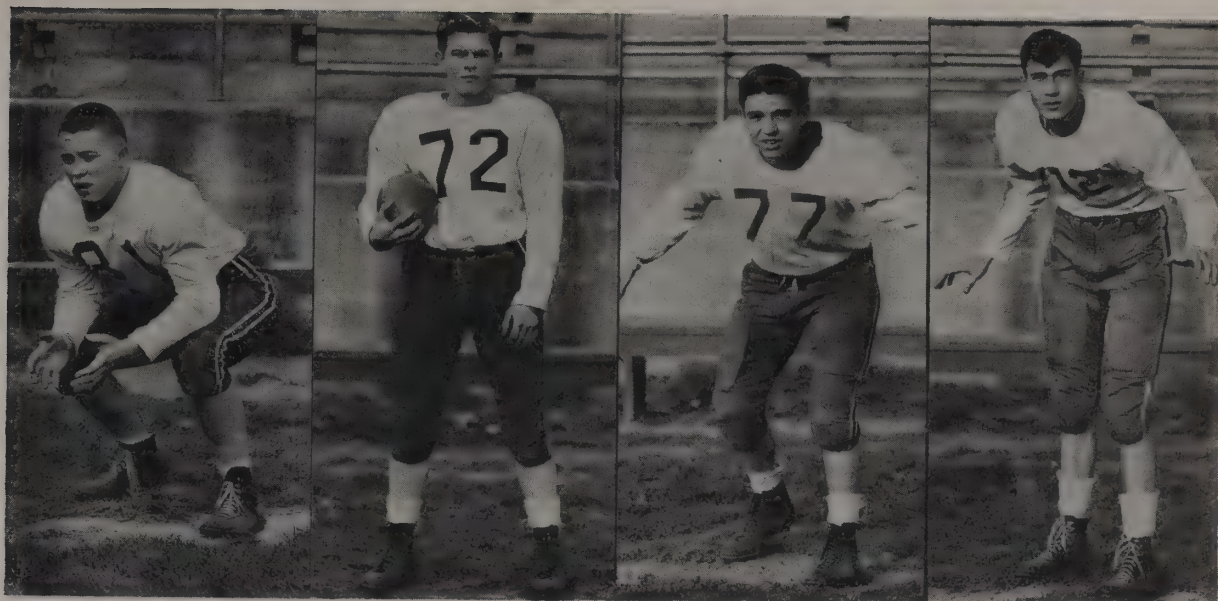
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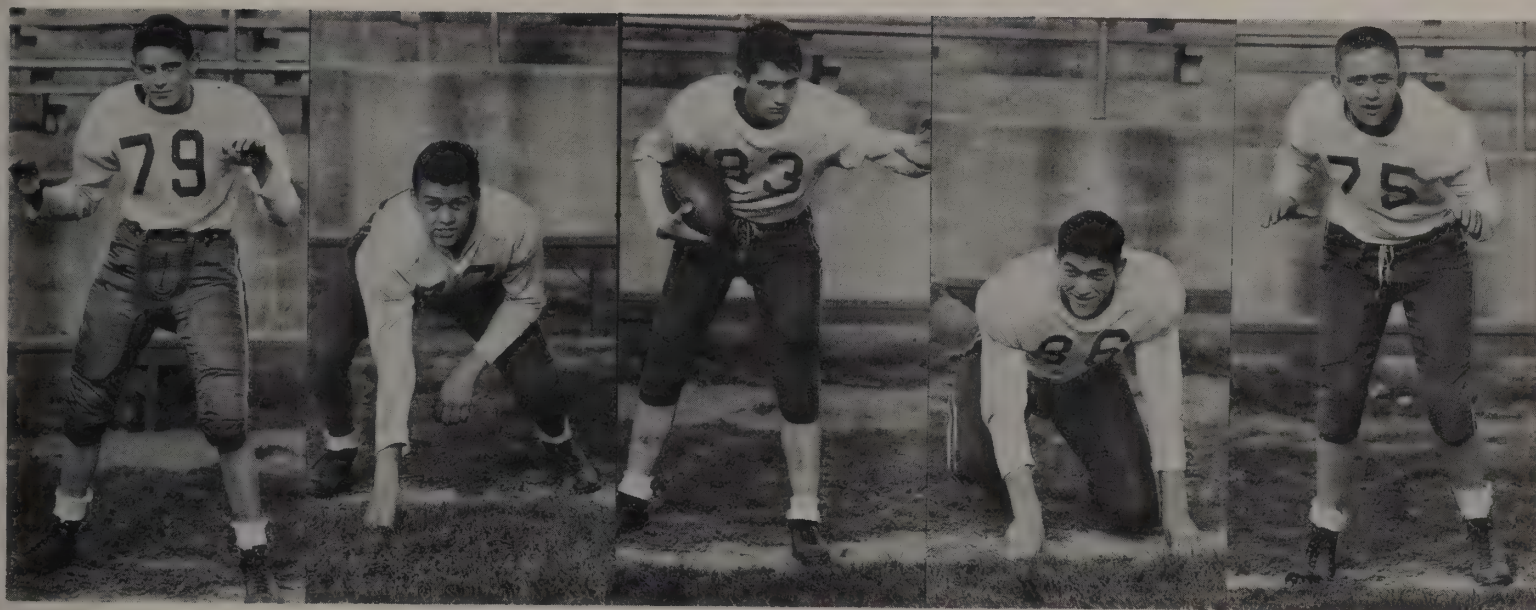


J. Green

B. Shumaker

B. Mathewson

B. Leiber



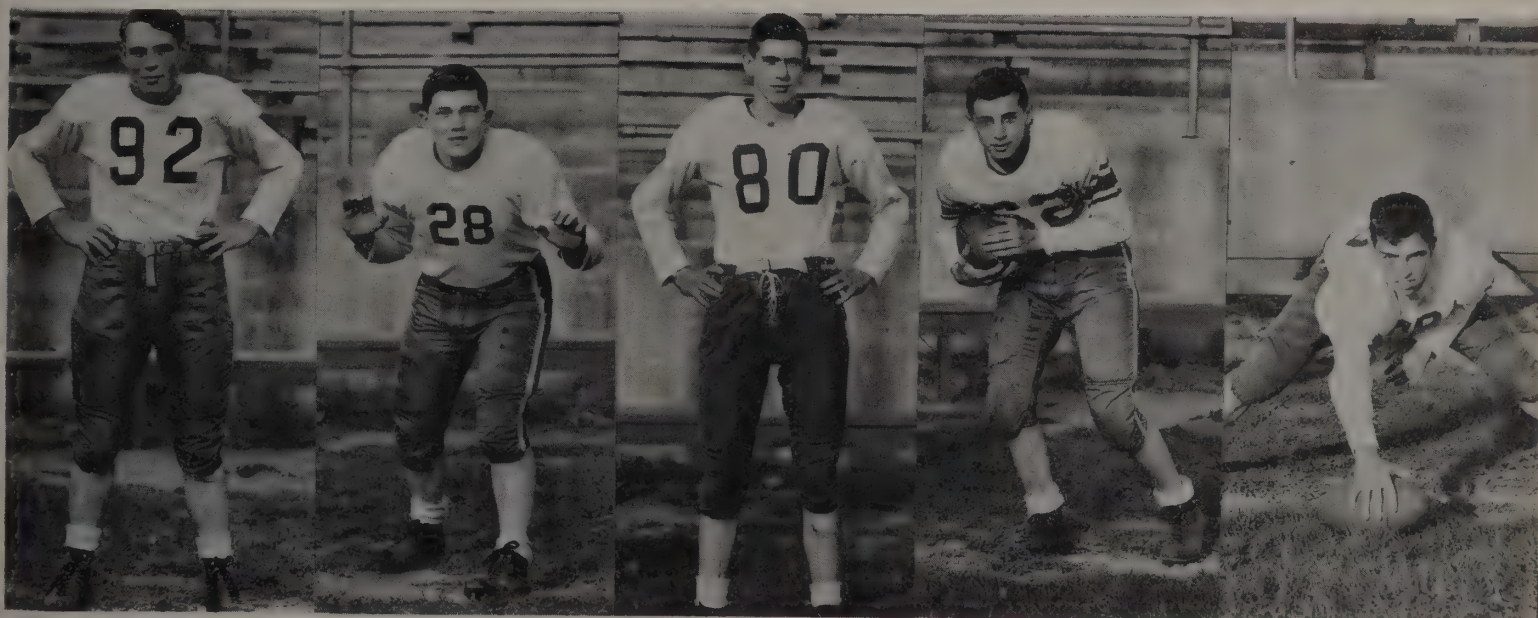
D. Zimmerly

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D. Warren

♦ R. Aukerman



F. Basinger

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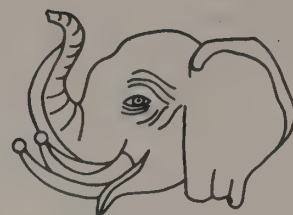
R. Badertscher

B. Corson



# Football Highlights

The first game of the season for the Pirate eleven was a sad one as they dropped a 17 to 6 decision to Kenton . . . For the first time in eight years, Ada downed Bluffton by a score of 37 to 6. Pass interception and terrific passing by Ada proved fatal for Bluffton . . . Losing their third straight game to a tough Bellefontaine team, the Pirates lost the game with the score of their 33 to our 0 . . . Running wild through Bluffton's lines, Hernandez led the Van Wert Cougars to a 60 to 0 victory over the Bluffton gridders . . . Marking our fifth straight loss, the Pirates showed much improvement but were nevertheless defeated 20 to 12 by Celina in our homecoming game . . . AT LAST!! Bluffton came up with their first victory of the season by beating a fine Wapakoneta team 25 to 12. It was a nip and tuck battle for the cellar in the Western Buckeye League . . . A game of fumbles was costly to the Pirates, as they lost their seventh game of the season to a hard-fighting Carey team by a score of 53 to 13 . . . Bluffton ended their football season with a 1-8 record as the Pirates were defeated by Columbus Grove, 33 to 7. Ten seniors played their last game for B.H.S. They were: Tom Bucher, Karl Klassen, Bill Montgomery, David Gerber, La Verne Moser, Evan Lehman, Bob Matthewson, Bill Schumaker, James Green, Robert Leiber.



## SCHEDULE

September 12—Kenton . . . . . Here  
 September 19—Ada . . . . . There  
 September 26—Bellefontaine . . . . . Here  
 October 3—Van Wert . . . . . There  
 October 10—Celina . . . . . Here  
 October 17—St. Marys . . . . . There  
 October 24—Wapakoneta . . . . . Here  
 October 31—Carey . . . . . Here  
 November 7—Columbus Grove . . . . . There

## FOOTBALL MANAGERS



Don Kimmet and Pete Steiner, managers, deserve much credit for the many duties and efforts which they capably performed for their football team throughout the season.



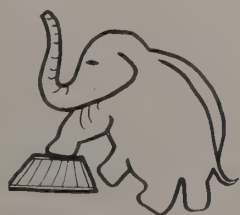




## Junior-High Football

ROW ONE: J. Scoles, Edinger, Diller, Burry, Henderson, Mumma.  
ROW TWO: Hartman, Green, Conrad, Reichenbach, R. Basinger, Bruce Triplett, Alspach, Triplehorn, Schumaker.  
ROW THREE: Coach Harris, Basinger, Urich, King, Berry, Brett Triplett, R. Scoles, Cummins, Schmutz, Griener.

Bluffton's junior high first football game with with Pandora-Gilboa and our he-men whipped their junior high with the score of 18 to 12 . . . Next on the list, was Leipsic, both teams defiantly battled each other and each team maintained equal victories by standing pat, scoreless with 0 to 0 . . . Columbus Grove junior high men overpowered us at our next game, giving us a lop-sided score with which to return home. The score was 25 to 0 . . . Ada, one of our chief rivals, also won by a score of 43-18. Ending the season with a 1-3 percentage, we feel that we have experienced new adventures in the game of football, learned new techniques, and at the same time, been loyal to our own B.H.S.







Burry, Preto, Matthewson.

## Varsity Cheerleaders

Our Varsity cheerleaders, who led our football and basketball teams with untiring effort, helped build our school's morale and spirit with flying colors. Although a small group, they were a mighty three, leading students in peppy cheers throughout the entire sports year.



Kempf, Frick, Burry, Galloway.

## Reserve Cheerleaders



"Let's go, team, let's go, let's fight, let's win!" was the cry of this handsome and hard-working group of gals. With ever-lasting loyalty, the reserve cheerleaders followed their terrific reserve team, doing their best in leading cheers to support our boys on the court.



### FACULTY MANAGER

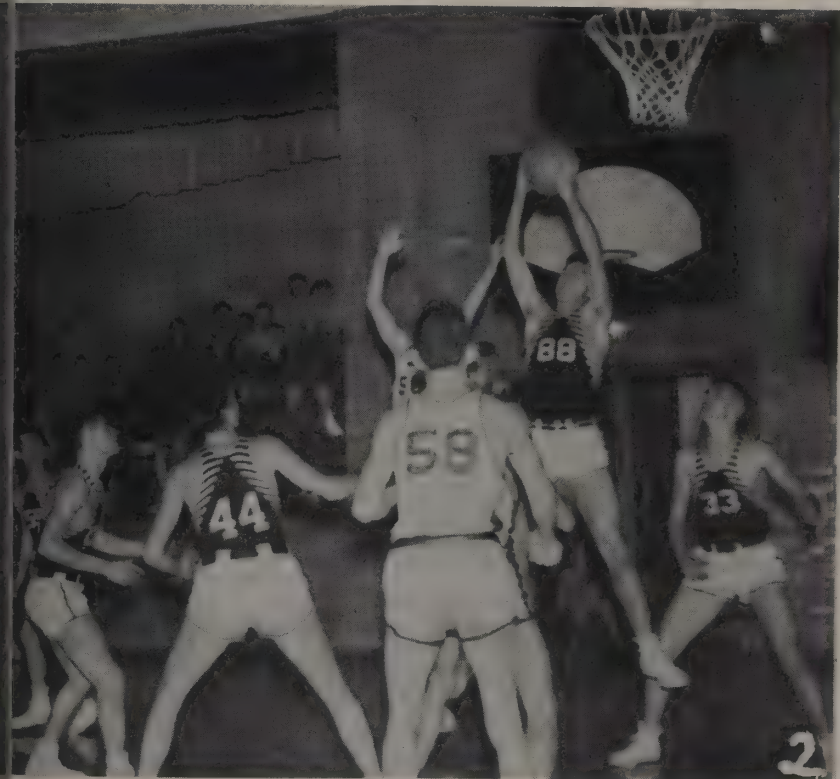
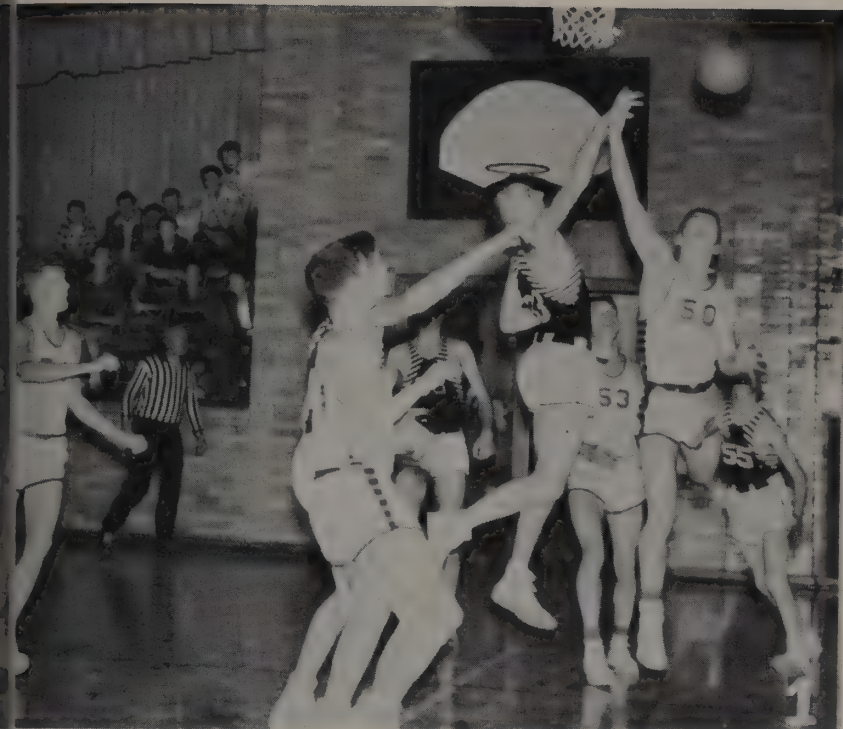
Robert Ewing

Duties faithfully performed by Mr. Ewing, this year, consisted of helping buy sports equipment, handling finances, and other miscellaneous sports items. Much credit is due to him, for the fine management job he did in the sports department.





# Basketball Action



1. Jump!! 2. "Up in the air" as everyone looks on."  
3. Locker-room chat. 4. Another two-pointer for Gerber!  
5. Oh no! he made another.





Berry, Badertscher, Corson, Fields, Tschiegg, Zimmerly, Steiner. Missing: Derringer.

## Basketball Reserves

Nov. 25—Spencerville..... Here  
 Dec. 5—Wapakoneta.... There  
 Dec. 12—Shawnee ..... Here  
 Dec. 19—Ada ..... There  
 Dec. 26-27—Carnival ..... B.C.  
 Jan. 2—Celina ..... There  
 Jan. 9—Kenton ..... There  
 Jan. 16—St. Marys ..... Here  
 Jan. 20—Pandora-Gilboa ... Here  
 Jan. 23—Bellefontaine ..... There  
 Jan. 27—Columbus Grove.. There  
 Feb. 3—Delphos St. Johns.. Here  
 Feb. 6—Van Wert ..... Here  
 Feb. 7—McGuffey ..... There

Opening a fine record season, the Reserves won their first game by the score of 57-19 . . . Wapak next, our win, 47-25 . . . Victory again, 47-39 . . . Our first defeat, Ada, 30-31 . . . Back to scoring bracket. Our victory, 32-27 . . . Our loss to St. Marys, 42-44 . . . 53-40. Our favor over Pandora-Gilboa . . . Another win. 54-41 . . . Odds against us. Bellefontaine's 50 to our 30 . . . Bad luck again. 55-34 . . . Back on the top again. Our win over North Baltimore. 51-45 . . . Underdogs once more. Delphos St. John's win. 53-37 . . . A real thriller. Our win. 38-37 . . . Last game our victory. 48-31 decision over McGuffey . . .

Although Bluffton's varsity team did not have an outstanding season, plenty of action was in store for those who supported them. The season started well with a 52-49 victory over Spencerville. Gerber was high with 16 points . . . A repeat victory over Wapakoneta 56-52 . . . tide turned as Shawnee sank the Pirates with a score of 72-59. Bill Ramseyer was high with 18 points . . . Ada ran over the Pirates 69-55, then on to the Christmas Carnival, with the Pirates pulling a win out of the bag in the last quarter, 55 to 49. Tom B. was high with 20 points. To finish the carnival a powerful Grove team trounced the Pirates 72 to 49 . . . The Pirates lost their second W.B.L. game to Celina . . . 63-48, and on to the thriller of the season when the Pirates squeezed by Kenton with one point victory. Molder was high with 19 points . . . Then on to another loss, St. Marys, 73, Bluffton 49 . . . With the biggest lead of the season B.H.S. walloped Pandora-Gilboa 86-62. Molder and Gerber tied with 21 each . . . The game with Bellefontaine proved to be another loss, 65 to 45 . . . Bluffton fell a little short in the North Baltimore game, as they lost 70-69 . . . Two more losses to Delphos St. Johns and Van Wert, 90 to 51 and 63 to 45 . . . In another close one, Evan Lehman dumped a two pointer in the last seconds to get a 55 to 53 over McGuffey . . . Then another loss; Grove beat Bluffton 81-56 . . . The Pirates lost to Ada in the first round of the Tournament, 65 to 54 . . .



# We Present . . . . Our Varsity

**Tom Bucher**  
Forward



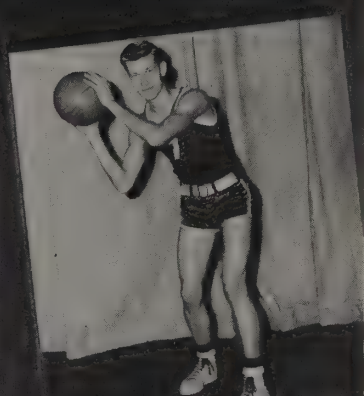
**David Gerber**  
Guard



**Bill Ramseyer**  
Guard



**Ralph Molder**  
Center



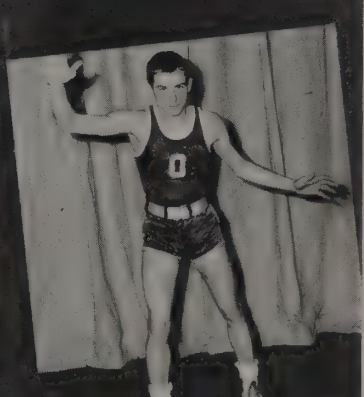
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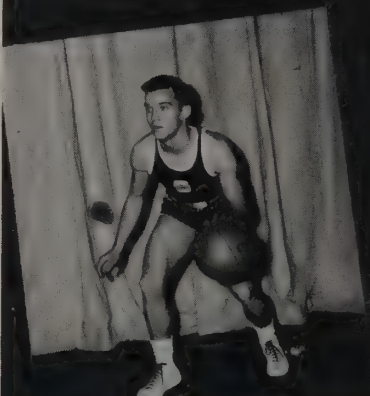
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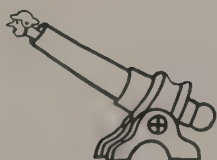
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Guard







ROW ONE: Leiber, Herr, Reichenbach, Hahn, Urich, Edwards, Schiffke.  
ROW TWO: Basinger, Fisher, Geiser, Alspach, Scoles, Gleason, Diller.



## Junior-High Basketball

Playing Kenton in their first game, the Junior-High won by the score of 52 to 42 but were defeated by Kenton in the second game 28-37. Urich was high point man in the first game with 16 and Diller was high man in the second with 9 points. Bluffton lost to Beaverdam 38-33. Urich was high point man with 18 points.

### MANAGERS

Managers of the basketball squad did a fine job, this year. Always there, with kit in one hand, score book in the other. They faithfully fulfilled their duties to the team and the school.



Conrad, Burkholder, Urich.





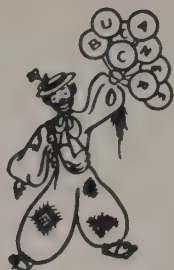
## Camera Snaps



1. Photography day for Buccaneer. 2. "Till I **Walk** again with you." 3. A "handy" operetta stage crew. 4. Hard-working Janitors. 5. "Katie" writing out a check. "For me, perhaps?" 6. Bill R. favorite pastime . . . ? 7. Businessmen-faculty game. 8. King Dave and Queen Sue at Valentine's Party.







# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

- 2—First day of school.
- 5—Preview of football at McComb. We won!
- 12—Kenton vs. Bluffton. We lost.
- 17—FHA informal initiation. Aren't you a mess?
- 19—Ada vs. Bluffton there. Well, maybe next year.
- 23—G.A.A.  
Game with Bellefontaine. Nuts!

## OCTOBER

- 3—Game with Van Wert. 44-0!
- 4-5—Nine delegates from Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y go to Camp St. Marys.
- 9—Assembly—a puppet show depicting a circus. "Up Gerbol!"
- 10—Homecoming. Queen Janice reigns.
- 17—Game with St. Mary's. Need I say more?
- 20—Joint induction, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y.
- 24—Game with Wapak. We **won!!!**
- 31—Carey 53—Bluffton 12.  
B.H.S. withdraws from WBL.

## NOVEMBER

- 8—Columbus Grove vs. Bluffton.
- 2-8—National F.H.A. Week.
- 4—Mock election sponsored by Student Senate. Ike won, 177-41.
- 25—Basketball with Spencerville. Victory for us.

## DECEMBER

- 5—Played Wapak there. Our second victory!
- 10-11—Junior Play. "Lights Out."
- 12—Game with Shawnee, battle for WBL lead. **They** won.
- 15—Christmas Program, sponsored by music department.
- 19—Game with Ada, there. Our second loss.
- 24—Last day of school until '53.
- 26—Holiday Carnival Tournament. Won the game with Pandora-Gilboa.
- 27—Holiday Carnival Tournament. Lost to Columbus Grove.

## JANUARY

- 2—Game with Celina, second WBL loss.
- 9—Beat Kenton by one point!
- 16—Lost our third WBL game to St. Mary's.
- 20—Free period 11:30-1:30 to see or hear inauguration.  
Won the game with Pandora-Gilboa.
- 23—Lost fourth WBL game.
- 24—District Music Festival at Bluffton College.
- 25—Nine F.F.A. boys receive jackets.
- 27—Columbus Grove game. "Nuff said."
- 28—Discussion at Tri-Hi-Y on dating. "Temper, Temper!"
- 31—Scholarship test taken by 9 seniors.  
"Where's my brain?"

## FEBRUARY

- 3—Delphos St. Johns. A terrific loss for us. 90 to 51.
- 6—Van Wert. Lost again!
- 7—McGuffey. We **won!!!** By 2 points.
- 9—Tournament at Celina. Lost to Ada.
- 11—"Pocahontas Comes to the Rescue" given by the Girl Scouts.
- 11-13—Tri-Hi-Y Sweetheart days.
- 15—Band and Orchestra Concert.
- 27—Grade School Operetta. "The Blue Belt".
- 22-28—National F.F.A. week.

## MARCH

- 10-11—A Waltz Dream.
- 21—District Music Contests at Ada.
- 28—"Roman Banquet."
- 28—District Solo and Ensemble Contests at Lima.

## APRIL

- 24-25—Senior Play.

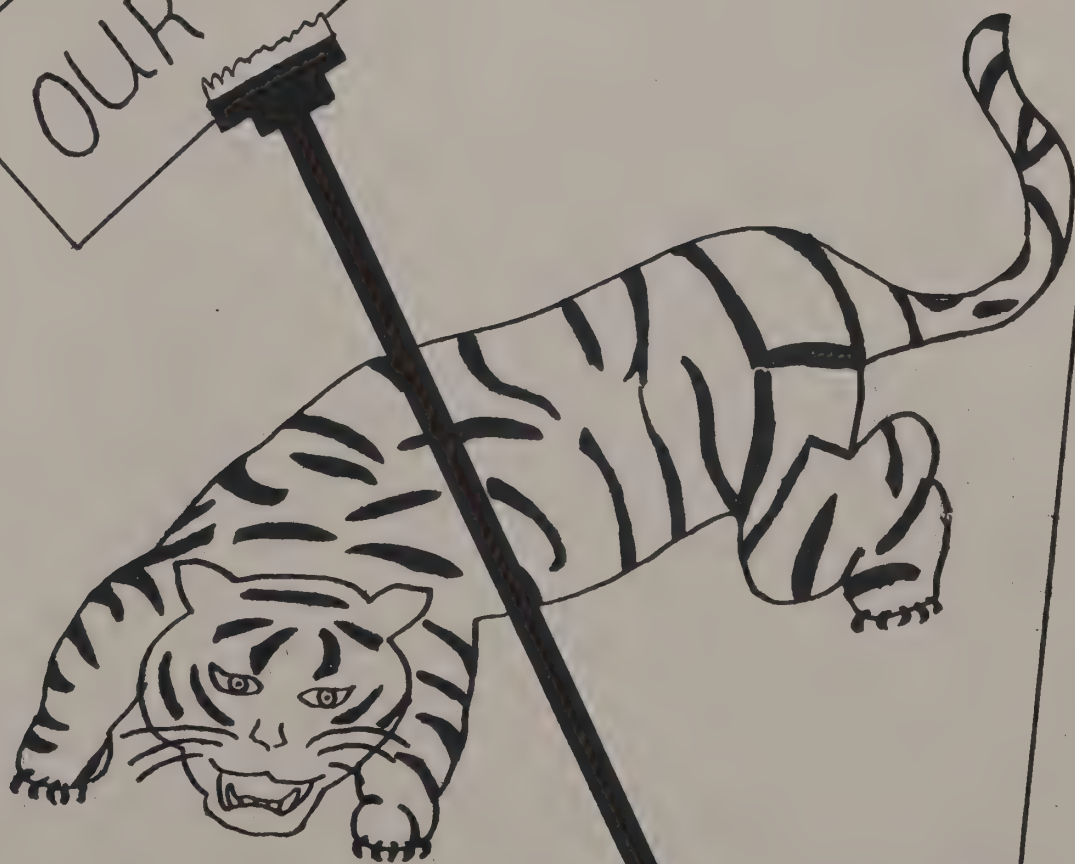
## MAY

- 2—Prom.
- 10-16—Senior Trip.
- 17—Baccalaureate.
- 21—Commencement.
- 22—Last day of school.



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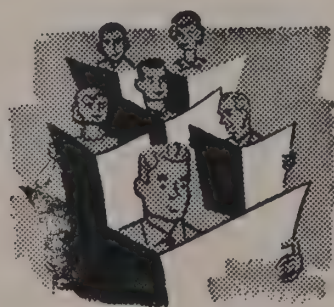
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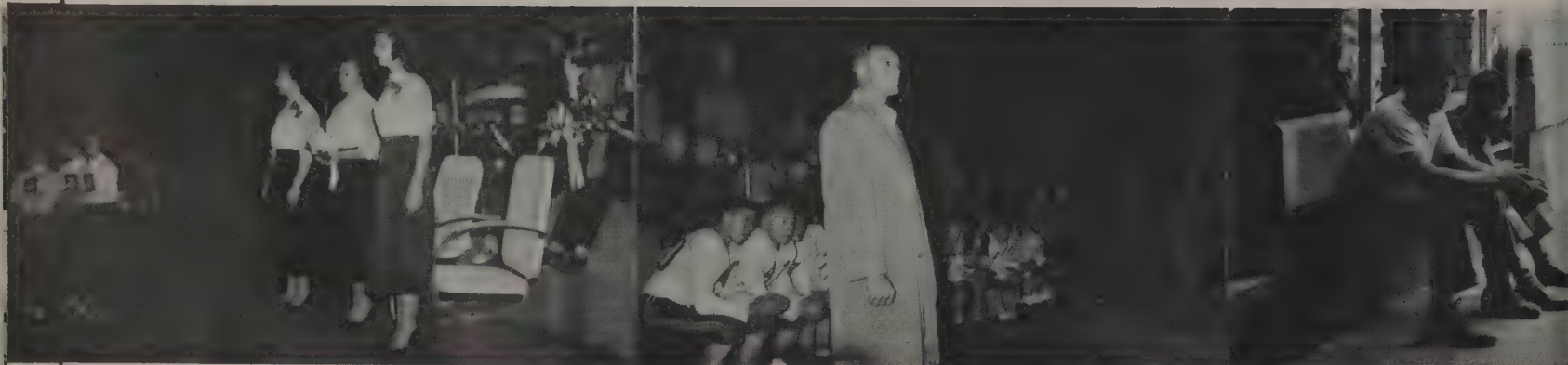
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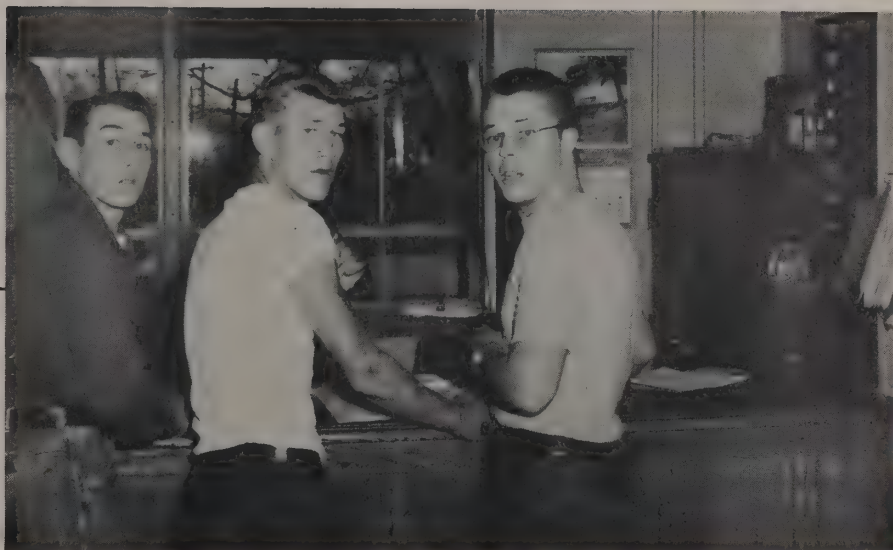


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